



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, March 27, 2018
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on Tuesday, March 27th, 2018. Vice Chair Shireen Hart called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Vice Chair Shireen Hart, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Nyree Miles, Commissioner Peter Bahrenburg and Commissioner Jim Dunn. Also present: Chief del Pozo, Lt Mike Warren, Corporal Kratochvil and Police Commission Clerk Laura Cheney.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~none

Public Forum:

~Ebony Kirkland was present to address the Commission, in particular Chair Longmore Kemp, regarding statements during the election season that she felt were insulting and deserved an apology.

Chief's Report:

~Chief del Pozo introduced Kayla Donahue, the new CCOA Data Analyst, working part time for the BPD. She is trained in epidemiology and biostatistics. She is excited to support the BPD.

~Chief del Pozo welcomed the Police Commission to the monthly CommStat meetings, hosted by the Mayor and the Chief. Clerk Cheney will email upcoming dates. The work coming from this group has been recognized by the Vera Institute of Justice, who will be producing a video and an article to highlight this community wide effort to combat the opioid epidemic. Chief and the Mayor are working to advocate for low barrier buprenorphine access as a population level intervention. It will have immediate effects in reducing overdoses and improving recovery efforts. The hospital will also be doing a pilot program testing buprenorphine at the ER with patients, followed by treatment services to test the impacts and recovery efforts.

~Chief del Pozo noted BPD's Safe Response Team has responded three times with mixed results.

~Chief del Pozo indicated the Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) has arrived and will be rolled out properly, after training and equipment is in place. We hope to introduce this at the Annual Community BBQ.

~Chief del Pozo reported that Regional Dispatch measure on Town Meeting Day did pass in all towns where it was on the ballot, except Shelburne. These towns will be part of a regional authority to begin further exploration and development of a regional dispatch. The Chief continues to work with Communications Dispatchers and believes it is important that they are involved in the process of building the best center, utilizing their experience and knowledge.

Review of Incoming Correspondence:

~Several letters of commendation were acknowledged.

Update on BPD Community BBQ:

~The Annual BPD Community BBQ will be held on May 16th, from 4-7pm at Pomeroy Park and North St. All are welcome to attend, and community organizations are welcome to participate.

Update of Process involving Officer Complaints:

~Commissioner Miles met with DC Wright and appreciated the process.

~Chief met with Charles Winkleman regarding concerns about timely response to complaints. He would welcome someone from the Commission to reach out to him.

~Vice Chair Hart suggested Chair Longmore would be a great person to create a bridge. She will follow up with Chair Longmore.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~Commissioner Dunn inquired about DC Burke's recent hire to SBPD. Chief noted that he will be transitioning to South

Burlington in July. We are sad to see him go.

~Vice Chair Hart noted the recently held BPD Awards luncheon was an excellent event.

Review Updated Directives: DD14.2 Digital Imaging

~ Lt Warren reviewed Directive 14.2 for approval by the commission, after minor edits. Directive 14 was split as the body worn camera is anticipated to require continued review and possible updates.

~ 14.2 now covers the remaining directive, as it relates to photographs and audio.

~ Commissioner Bahrenburg motioned to approve, Commissioner Dunn seconded. All Commissioners voted to approve the directive.

Update on Meeting to Encourage Public Participation

~Commission moved to postpone to April meeting when DC Burke and Chair Longmore are in attendance.

~Chief noted that the BPD held a drone demo with UVM and the department is interested in exploring an MOU with UVM to use the service as needed in missing persons cases. A larger attended meeting would be an opportunity to bring this to the public. This could also be introduced at the BBQ and flyers to address at a June meeting.

Update on Vicious Dog Hearing:

~Vice Chair Hart noted they are issuing an amended order based on feedback from the involved parties.

Consent Agenda – Minutes of Previous Commission Meetings: February 20th Minutes

~Commissioner Simpson motioned to accept, Commissioner Dunn seconded, all Commissioners voted in favor, minutes approved.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

~Moved to April 17th due to school break the week of the 23rd.

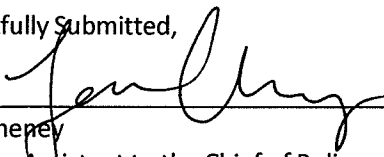
Executive Session:

~ Motion to go into executive session to discuss an internal investigation.

Adjournment:

~ Adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Cheney
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Clerk of the Police Commission

3/30/2018