

CITY OF BARRE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, October 12th 6:00 pm.)

Location of meeting: Virtual Meeting: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053276707>

Phone number: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 830 5327 6707

1. **Call to order:** 6:00 pm

2. **Appoint committee secretary:**

- Kristin Weiss Volunteered herself. Motion carried by Steve England, seconded by Reina Dean

3. **Consider approval of agenda:**

- Steve England approves meeting agenda, seconded by Kristin Weiss

4. **Consider approval of previous meeting minutes:**

- Kristin Weiss motions approval of previous meeting minutes, Seconded by Reina Dean.

5. **Receive guests:**

- Present; Bob Nelson, Steve England, Reina Dean, Teddy Waszakak, Tim Bombardier, Kristin Weiss

6. **Chief's report**

Not a lot of new news to report. Chief Bombardier will bring a list of policies to the board to talk about, the majority of these are set in stone but we are still able to discuss them and ask questions. There will be a monthly update at each meeting with anything new going on. He will provide their monthly recap as well. BCPD has 22 officers. Scott Cameron to reply to our proposal e-mail when he is back.

7. **Discuss VLCT recommendations**

- Chief Bombardier, Making Officers uniform with policy and procedure, training and how things are investigated.
- Policies are procedures put out by VLCT, BCPD has adopted all of these.
- Use of force, fair and impartial police policy go through a whole approval process – tweaked language to be more restrictive, this is the new normal.
- VLCT – Develop a uniform standard for credentials. Alternatives to becoming a level 3 certified officer besides the Academy (4 months.) A level 3 officer is a full-time officer, they can investigate and have full police power. Level 1, 2 and 3

8. **Miscellaneous**

- Purpose of the Civilian Oversight and Advisory Board after review of Oliver Twombly's response to our proposal - To have conversations about processes. For Chief Bombardier to bring the "new Norms" to the committee for us to discuss and ask questions. After Scott Cameron reviews the committee's proposal (discussed at first meeting) and gives us his feedback, we will be able to go back through and craft a better proposal for counsel. The name of the committee is also still pending as well, with the word "oversight" in question – we will get more feedback from Scott Cameron about that as well and update where needed.
- From Steve England, Bob Nelson and Kristin Weiss – Great Responses from the community about creation of this committee, very appreciate.
- Teddy Waszakak will give an update on anything new from the city council each month, verbal is fine
- Idea from Bob Nelson "Who is the BCPD?" Improve the community by "meet the BCPD." Could be done by newspaper or radio, how long have they been there and what do they do? Steve England suggested working with JD Green for radio. Possibly provide some personal details, if comfortable, to show common things between them and civilians. Go on a ride along, contact Chief Bombardier, and then talk about it. From Teddy, be mindful about how you use words and messaging. Can we get any help from City counsel if there is a cost? Yes, \$200.00 is different than \$2,000.00 though so, ask.

9. **Executive session (if necessary)**

- None

10. **Adjourn**

- Meeting Adjourned by Bob Nelson at 6:58 pm. Motioned by Steve England, seconded by Reina Dean.