

CITY OF BARRE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

(Monday, January 11, 2021)

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:** 6:04 pm

2. **Consider approval of agenda:**

- Kristin Beaudin motions to approve meeting agenda, Steve England seconds motion

3. **Consider approval or adjustments of previous meeting minutes:** Steve England motions approval of meeting minutes, Kristin Beaudin seconds motion. Bob Nelson would like to amend meeting minutes. Minutes should read "council" not "counsel." Steve England motions approval of amended minutes, Kristin Beaudin seconds motion. All in favor.

4. **Receive guests:**

- Bob Nelson, Steve England, Kristin Beaudin, Teddy Waszakak, Tim Bombardier, Steve McKenzie

5. **Councilor Waszakak's Report**

- Talked to the Mayor last week about the COAB meetings, discussed resolution
- Filling the vacancy on the COAB, getting a 5th member (Bob to reach out to Cynthia to resign)
- Budget should get wrapped up tomorrow night at city council meeting, possibly.
- City Council to look at index of policies at the BCPD for the COAB to review and recommend any advice.

6. **Chief's report**

- There has been some confusion around first responders and the COVID vaccine, Police were not included. After talks with Commissioner Schirling everyone is scheduled, the BCPD will receive the vaccine within the next two weeks.
- Response due to COVID, still taking some Calls over the phone, asking some people to come out of their house etc. to reduce direct contact. This leaves officers to attend to life threatening calls.
- School Resource officer is being eliminated due to the budget.
- Policies and procedures, the hot ones are Fair and impartial policing and use of force (response to resistance.)

8. **Discussion/approval of the CAB working document**

- Very workable, clear and to the point. Manageable and reasonable. All considerations from Scott Cameron and Oliver Twombly really condensed the document.
- Thank you, Teddy, for the workable starting document. Bob was able to edit this document without creating a new one.
- Bob will send this proposal over to the Mayor and Copy Teddy and present to City Council.
- Motion to approve CAB working document, Kristin Beaudin approves. Steve England seconds motion. All in favor.

9. Discuss policies for board to begin working on

- Chief to send over link for a hard copy of the policies. Previous link directed us to a site that we couldn't log in to.
- Some of the policies we all chose were as follows;
 - Teddy – Duty to disclose, Duty to intervene (been in VT statute since chief was an officer) Response to resistance and fair and impartial policing
 - Kristin – Overtime (in bargaining agreement) Care and Use of uniform/Equipment, Fair and impartial policing and Response to resistance.
 - Steve – Fair and impartial policing and Response to resistance
 - Bob – Search and Seizure

- All of these are buried in some sort of certification, Governed by statute. As a board we will review and recommend appropriate changes knowing some Language and laws cannot be changed. The intent from City Council is for us to go through all of them, Teddy will ask for some policies from the council as well, that they would like reviewed first. The understanding is that some policies we may look at can be changed over night without warning. If we do not recommend any changes to a policy, we should still advise city council of this.

10. Work on policy (if time allows)

- Homework item; The chief will be sending us the policies. Take a good look at the Fair and impartial policy as well as Response to Resistance – if time (the policies can be lengthy.)
- Chief recommends highlighting, double space, write stuff in the margin and that makes it go faster. We will log questions

11. Miscellaneous:

- Steve McKenzie may not sit in on meetings, we're off to a great start. As we have began working on this board it's been good having him attend – we can still ask questions if they come up.

12. **Adjourn** – Steve England motions approval to adjourn meeting. Kristin Beaudin seconds motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm.