

# City of Barre Police Advisory Committee

## MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, March 8, 2021**

**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:** 6:01

2. **Consider approval of agenda:**

- Kristin Beaudin motions to approve meeting agenda, Steve England seconds motion. All in favor

3. **Consider approval or adjustments of previous meeting minutes:** Steve England motions approval of meeting minutes, Reina Dean seconds motion. All in favor.

4. **Receive guests:**

- Bob Nelson, Steve England, Kristin Beaudin, Tim Bombardier, Reina Dean, Teddy Waszazak, Brian Judd, Zack Hughes

5. **Councilor Waszazak's Report**

- Town meeting day went well, Congratulations to all
- The City Budget passed
- Negotiations will start taking place this week in executive session with the police union. The contract is coming up for renewal, 1 year expiring. We will be going back to the bargaining table.

6. **Chief's report**

- Response protocols perform essential jobs while protecting people, limiting contact. As of today, everyone at the BCPD can get vaccinated. Hopefully, shortly after it will be business as usual.
- Secured funding through the state for hotels –Up to \$500,000.00 total dollars (20 hours a week) structured detail. This is for people who need help, who need access to things. Due to criminal activity happening around these 6 (approximately) hotels some people are scared to come out of their rooms. We have had conversations with about 25-29 people. We can pull the daily numbers to see how many adults and children are staying in each hotel, no names just totals. By using the various communities resources, we are not stripping one community of all their officers.

## 7. Discuss "BOLA" <https://wrap.com/>

- Chief Peete brought it to attention to see the Demo.
- Restraint device, nothing more, nothing less. It's a pretty safe product, safer than others.
- It gives the ability to respond to individuals in crisis either in physical or mental, to take into custody with little force
- The Green Laser dots on the person is the target, the Kevlar tether deploys, weights at the end – metal, like a grappling hook. The hooks will not severely injure a person. This could save someone's life when police respond, another tool to assist police to take individuals into custody.
- Zack Hughes, from WCMH – oversight of adult mental health. "Very good device, a tool on the belt." It's a good option to have, you can run into situations where you might need it where people won't comply, they are not willing to receive the information.
- Would this tool replace anything? No, it will not.
- The cost is not too expensive, about \$1,000.00 each. This isn't too expensive to save some one's life. There is no additional cost to the city, the Chief plans to use previously secured Seizure funds to procure the 3 units.
- Not to use on some one who is standing on the edge of a building, near a wall. This is all in the training. There is no size limit on this, gender Neutral
- The idea is, to put one in every police vehicle so there would always be one available to an officer and a mental health clinician. Mental health clinicians will not be trained, we don't want to put them in that position. It will not replace anything, it's in addition to.
- About the size of a Big iPhone 6 and twice the thickness. Great option as opposed to other options.
- Small chance a person running could get injured ex: fall to the ground when the BOLA is wrapped around legs.
- Chief would look for a recommendation to include in "Response to Resistance." BOLA would get its own letter. He will also get more documentation from BOLA; people will have to get trained. The training would take about half of a day, might include in range training. Between ordering and training it could get up off the ground by the end of April if not sooner. It's been an ongoing conversation for 10 months.
- There is a possibility to observe if given the chance as well. Great to bring to the committee, Great conversation with getting suggestions and concerns.
- Suggestion of recommendation to The Barre City Council; Kristin Beaudin motions to approve, Reina Dean seconds motion, all in favor. The chief will bring it up to council, who was here, and our recommendation to purchase of the units.

## 8. Continue review of "Response to Resistance" policy

- Chief to get us the taser policy so we can review before finalizing our document.
- When our document is completed, it will go onto the Police Academy to get a second set of eyes. The changes will then be sent onto the VLCT – it's the process the chief has always followed.
- Reina and the Chief will add Reina's wording idea's and then the committee will review the document after all the changes have been made.
- "Impact tools, not weapons." Where would BOLA fit in? It would get its own letter
- Canine; originally directed towards building searches. There won't always be a warning in the form of an announcement ex: if an officer is sucker punched and they can only deploy the canine they do so.
- Is it feasible to *require* warning of deadly force? Policy reads; "Officers should warn the subject prior to using deadly force where feasible." No, it's not feasible, officers are responding with resistance based on the situation with sometimes seconds to respond.
- Some intelligent changes there, hopefully. The federal mandate allows a little more use of force, unlike State.
- Rendering aid is anyone that you go hands on with. Once the situation is under control and you take them into custody, they are your responsibility. Rendering aid and protecting them from others ex: if the person in custody is being threatened by the people around them, the officer is to keep them safe.
- A Pepperball Launcher is like having some one hit you with a baseball bat in the chest, the chief would rather get tased than pepper sprayed. Barre City does not have a pepperball launcher (not issued.)
- Ending at page 6, Lower letter a, New H

**9. Discuss items for next meeting**

- Use of training room at the safety building for these specific policies instead of Zoom. There is a computer set up there for Zoom for the public to join. This would be a "Work meeting" and we would still require another, shorter, normal meeting of the PAC via Zoom.

**10. Miscellaneous**

- Our community is fortunate for the Chief for taking care of our citizens.

**11. Adjourn**

- Bob adjourns meeting at 7:58 Pm Kristin Beaudin motions approval to adjourn, Reina Dean seconds motion.