

Town of Brunswick, Maine

POLICING REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

**Thursday, January 21, 2021
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

Present: Councilor Jim Mason, Councilor Dan Ankeles, Councilor Kathy Wilson, Troy Henninger, Linda Asher-Ford, Jason Gould, Florence Hull, Claudia Watson, Scott Stewart, Police Chief

Approval of meeting summary from January 7, 2021

Chair Jason Gould made a motion to approve the minutes from December 23, 2020 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilor Jim Mason. The motion carried with 8 (eight) yeas.

Questions from the committee

Councilor Ankeles asked a question about fines, to which Chief Stewart and Councilor Mason gave responses. Claudia Watson commented and asked a question about recommendations from the Committee, which Councilor Ankeles answered. Chair Gould commented and responded to comments from Claudia Watson. Chief Stewart also responded to Claudia Watson's comments.

Presentation on Training by Police Chief Scott Stewart

Chief Stewart presented a PowerPoint detailing Budget and Equipment, including:

- Adequacy and composition of staff vs. population, crime rate, vehicular traffic, etc.
- New officer training, including field training program, online training and yearly training
- Personal protective gear and communications equipment, including recent grant of \$23,000
- Technology in communications and cruisers, records management, forensics, photography and mapping, data maintenance, cruiser video systems
- Councilor Wilson, Chair Gould and Councilor Ankeles asked questions about flagged data, which were answered by Chief Stewart. Councilor Mason commented and asked a question, which Chief Stewart answered.
- Use of Military-Grade Equipment; process and availability. Questions will be allowed at next meeting. Councilor Wilson and Chair Gould commented.

Linda Asher-Ford, Flora Hull, Councilor Wilson and Claudia Watson asked questions, which Chief Stewart answered. Chair Gould asked for questions or comments from the public; there were none.

Chair Gould summarized the email questions he had sent to Chief Stewart, and the responses he had gotten from Chief Stewart. Chief Stewart provided more insight and information to the committee. Councilor Ankeles and Claudia Watson asked questions, which Chief Stewart answered.

Other Business

Chair Gould tentatively set next meeting's agenda to open with questions from committee members and a presentation by Chief Stewart.

Chair Gould moved to adjourn the meeting. Claudia Watson seconded. The motion was unanimous of those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

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