

Town of Brunswick, Maine

POLICING REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

**Thursday, February 4, 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 and Scott Stewart, Police Chief.

Approval of meeting summary from January 21, 2021

Chair Gould made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried with 6 (six) yeas.

Questions from the committee

Councilor Mason and Chair Gould asked questions about the Armored Response Vehicle regarding philosophy and training, and Chief Stewart responded. Councilor Wilson, Troy Henninger, Councilor Ankeles and Linda Asher-Ford also asked questions, which were answered by Chief Stewart. Chair Gould asked a question related to Chief Stewart's presentation at the last meeting, which was answered by Chief Stewart. Councilor Ankeles asked about data collection and community policing, and was answered by Chief Stewart. Chair Gould also commented.

Presentation on Community Relations by Police Chief Scott Stewart

Chief Stewart's presentation included:

- Building Trust and Legitimacy
- Policy and Oversight
- Technology and Social Media
- Community Policing and Crime Reduction
- Training and Education
- Officer Safety and Wellness
- Interactions with Racial Minorities, Economically Disadvantaged, and Those Suffering From Mental Illness
- Community Outreach

Questions

Councilor Wilson commented. Chair Gould, Flora Hull, Linda Asher-Ford, Councilor Ankeles and Claudia Watson asked questions regarding enhancing safety, harassment/crime reporting and outreach, which were responded to by Chief Stewart. The Committee would like to review the specific resources for youth and the Bowdoin community, to encourage them to connect with the Police Department. Chief Stewart will research this information and reach out to Bowdoin for their materials for the Committee to view. Claudia Watson and Flora Hull commented and asked questions. Chair Gould summarized the material and commented. Chief Stewart will extend an invitation to Bowdoin for next meeting.

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting February 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

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

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

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