

Town of Brunswick, Maine

POLICING REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, March 18, 2021

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Present: Councilor Jim Mason, Councilor Dan Ankeles, Councilor Kathy Wilson, Troy Henninger, Jason Gould, Claudia Watson and Scott Stewart, Police Chief

Absent: Linda Asher-Ford, Flora Hull

Approval of meeting summary from March 4, 2021:

Councilor James Mason motioned to approve the minutes from March 4, 2021 as submitted. Claudia Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried with 6 (six) yeas.

Comments were made by Chair Gould, Councilor Ankeles and Claudia Watson commented.

Chief Stewart read the list of questions from the community regarding training, policies, militarization of the police department, school resource officer duties and new recruits, allowing for comments from the committee between questions.

Committee members Councilor Mason, Councilor Ankeles, Claudia Watson, Chair Gould and Troy Henninger asked questions, which Chief Stewart answered.

Public Comment:

Jean: Stated her group was motivated by national news and just wanted to understand the parameters that officers work under - is there anything that might raise questions? - that was their intention. Started from the perspective of understanding systemic racism and questions that came from that interest, not a critique of PD's work or committees' work.

Chair Gould: wants more participation from community and discussed youth sharing their stories of bias with the committee at the next meeting. He and Troy Henninger will work together to provide this forum.

Claudia Watson and Councilor Ankeles asked questions, which Chief Stewart answered.

Troy Henninger asked for a list of questions from committee members in advance to ask students so parents are aware.

Next Meeting/Agenda Troy and Jason youth forum - April 1st at 5:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm