

Town of Brunswick, Maine

POLICING REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, April 15, 2021
5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Present: Police Chief Scott Stewart, Councilor Dan Ankeles, Councilor Kathy Wilson, Councilor James Mason, Linda Asher-Ford, Flora Hull, Claudia Watson, Troy Henninger (arrived at 5:14) and Chair Gould (arrived at 5:25)

Absent: None

Approval of meeting summary from April 1, 2021:

Claudia Watson motioned to approve the minutes from April 1, 2021 as submitted. Councilor Kathy Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried with 7 (seven) yeas.

Interim Chair Ankeles explained that today's agenda was to discuss possible recommendations from the committee to the Town Council. Chief Stewart will first present some items to the committee.

Chief Stewart presented a PowerPoint to address items the committee had discussed and had asked for more information.

Community Engagement and accommodating COVID-19

- CHILD – **C**ommunity, **H**onor, **I**ntegrity, and **L**eadership **D**evelopment
 - Brunswick Open Air Club – partnered with Maine Warden Service
- OPTIONS grant – **O**verdose **P**revention **T**hrough **I**ntensive **O**utreach, **N**aloxone & **S**afety. They have had 15 referrals since February, and Brunswick is the host agency for the grant.
- Community Outreach Team-new hires required to participate; Sixteen different events for '21-'22 – some may be curtailed due to COVID-19
- National Night Out – large event at Brunswick Landing with a number of static displays and food

Chief Stewart summarized the lessons learned by the Brunswick Police Department during the timeframe of the committee, and reviewed his proposed plans for the near future. He has also met with the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) to work on the logistics of partnering with them and being established as a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) agency, which would give them additional training and review of their policies and procedures.

Linda Asher-Ford, Councilor Mason, Flora Hull and Claudia Watson asked questions, which were answered by Chief Stewart. Chair Gould led the committee in a discussion of recommendations, and time needed to provide them.

Troy Henninger asked a question, which Chief Stewart answered.

Claudia Watson presented some information on the CIT to the committee, and Chair Gould asked her to put together a proposed recommendation that the committee could discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting they will also find out where the most energy lies around all of the other items, in order to narrow the list down for another recommendation.

Next Meeting: April 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Councilor Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mason seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.