

CPCC Meeting

April 27, 2015

5:30 pm, Brooks Memorial Library, Main St., Brattleboro

1. Call to order and quorum check: Georgia Morgan called the meeting to order at 5:35. Committee members Tristan Toleno, James Banslaben and Ann Wright were in attendance. Robyn Flatley was absent. Captain Mark Carignan also attended.

2. Agenda review: No changes.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: The March 23, 2015, meeting minutes were approved as read by a vote of 3 in favor, 1 abstention.

4. Complaints/Compliments report: Three complaints and three compliments, received in the past month, were reviewed. Captain Carignan summarized the complaints and the written follow-ups. One of the complaints involved the behavior of an officer and the other a town employee. In each case appropriate disciplinary actions were taken. One complainant had asked to be contacted by the CPCC; two attempts to contact by telephone were unsuccessful.

Two of the compliments were from other police departments/jurisdictions thanking the Brattleboro police for assistance in investigations.

5. New Business: James Banslaben asked for clarification of General Order 220: Recording of Law Enforcement Activity. Captain Carignan reviewed the policy and answered questions, noting that the policy governs the actions of a police officer, not that of the media or a private citizen.

It was agreed that regular review of policies and procedures will begin after the new term in July. Chief Fitzgerald and Captain Carignan will identify 10 to 12 policies to review—ones that are most likely to cause misunderstandings for the general public. Captain Carignan was asked to bring a list of the policies and a strategy for how to review them with the committee to the June 22 CPCC meeting.

It was suggested that the police department consider doing a half-hour spot on BCTV to help the public better understand police department policies and procedures.

6. Unfinished business: There was no unfinished business.

7. Public participation. There was no public participation.

8. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm. The next CPCC meeting will be on Monday, June 22. There will be no meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday.