

CPCC Meeting

September 22, 2014

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

1. Call to order and quorum check: Tristan Toleno called the meeting to order at 5:33. Committee members James Banslaben, Roberta Flatley, Georgia Morgan and Ann Wright were in attendance, as well as Chief Fitzgerald.

2. Agenda review: No changes

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting: The August meeting minutes were approved as read by a vote of 4-0, with one abstention.

4. Complaints/Compliments report: A complaint was received, and handled by department supervisor. Complainant declined mediation and CPCC involvement, and was satisfied with the department's handling of the complaint.

Tristan Toleno passed on favorable comments he overheard about the recent Coffee with a Cop event at The Works, that the commenter felt listened to. He went on to compliment Chief Fitzgerald on his commitment to community policing.

5. New Business: none

6. Unfinished business:

a. CPCC Mission Statement

A clarification of the mission statement was offered by Roberta Flatley:

The mission of the Citizen Police Communications Committee (CPCC) is to facilitate mutually respectful communication between citizens and the Brattleboro Police Department regarding complaints, compliments or information concerning police procedures.

It was approved by a vote of 5-0 , and will be sent to Jan Anderson to update the CPCC web page.

b. Ride-alongs

Chief Fitzgerald encouraged committee members to sign up for a ride-along.

7. Public participation

Terry Carter requested follow-up on the department's animal handling initiatives. Chief Fitzgerald reported that video training was ongoing and on-site training is still to be scheduled.

Roberta Flatley, as a private citizen, asked what could be done about activity she observes that appears to be drug-trafficking. Chief Fitzgerald responded that the department supervisor should be contacted at the time events are observed.