Brattleboro Citizens Police Communications Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 23, 2017

Present: Ken McCaffrey, Ben Coplan, Darah Kehnemuyi, Matthew Wright

Meeting convened by Ken McCaffrey at 5:35 PM (Quorum present.)

Committee welcomed its new member, Matthew Wright.

Committee held election for three positions. Elected were:
- Ken McCaffrey – Chair
- Darah Kehnemuyi – Secretary
- Ben Coplan – Monitor of communications; Records liaison.

Committee reviewed the Agenda. Discussion had as to additional items, including invitation to Brattleboro Police Department (BPD) to attend, and whether or not to expand the Committee. As the latter item was not warned, no action could be taken. Item subsequently tabled for Committees next meeting.

Committee approved the Minutes of its November 28, 2016 meeting.

Committee reviewed compliments and complaints received by the Brattleboro Police Department (BPD) since the Committee’s last meeting. Five compliments were read, one for Sergeant Emery, two for Officer Vinton, one for multiple officers of the Third Shift, and one for Officer Cerreto.

Two new complaints were received from BPD. Neither requested contact with the Committee. It was decided to seek responses from BPD as to the two new complaints and one old complaint. B. Coplan to follow up with BPD.

Old Business:
- Discussion of Ken McCaffrey’s draft letter was tabled for further updating.
- M. Wright agreed to follow up with and obtain more information from the National Association for Civilian Oversight.
- Committee agreed to ask BPD to send a representative to the Committee’s February 27 meeting. It was decided consistent with past Committee policies that BPD would be asked to train the Committee on BPD protocols around mental health issues.
- No discussion was had on what, if any, new directions would be appropriate for the Committee.
- Discussion of expansion of the Committee to seven members was tabled.
- Also deferred was continued discussion about protocol, outreach, and new directions for the Committee.

A request was made, and no public comment or participation during our meeting was received.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35

Respectfully submitted,

Darah Kehnemuyi
Recording Clerk