Present: Darah Kehnemuyi, Elissa Pine, Ken McCaffrey
Absent: Liliana Vandertuin
Also Present: Captain Mark Carignan

Meeting Called to Order by Darah Kehnemuyi at 5:35pm; Quorum present.

Review of Agenda - two items added to New Direction for CPCC
-improvement of protocol regarding contacting persons who so request
-need/purpose of continuance of CPCC

Review and Approval of Minutes - minutes of Feb. 26, 2018 approved as written.

Compliments/Complaints received from BPD
-Officers Michael Cable, Ryan Washburn and Tim Vinton were complimented by Michele M. Rowland of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for their response and skill in managing a dangerous situation involving an assault on a nurse by an irate family member.
-Lieutenant Perkins was complimented by Wendy Bayliss of the Brattleboro Area Jewish Center for his assistance in assessing their safety needs.
-A complaint was received regarding an incident that occurred on Feb. 10, 2018 alleging harassment by a BPD officer. The issue has been investigated. CPCC will get a copy of Chief Fitzgerald’s reply at our next meeting. A second complaint regarding an incident that occurred on Mar. 3, 2018, same citizen, same officer, is still under investigation and CPCC will get the results when completed.
-A complaint was received regarding the conduct of a BPD officer involving an automobile accident which occurred on Feb. 8, 2018 on I-89 near Williston. The officer who was off-duty at the time, the citizen making the complaint and a third citizen were those involved in the accident. The incident has been investigate; CPCC will get a copy of Chief Fitzgerald’s response at our next meeting.
-A complaint, occurring on Dec. 30, 2017 which has been under investigation has been closed. CPCC received a copy of Chief Fitzgerald’s response, dated Mar. 16, 2018.
-A complaint was received regarding an incident which occurred on Feb. 18, 2018 alleging improper actions by a BPD officer relative to violation of an RFA. The situation has been investigated an CPCC has received a copy of Chief Fitzgerald’s response.
-A complaint was received regarding an incident which occurred on Mar. 22, 2018 alleging improper actions regarding the dispatcher and an officer responding to an assault witnessed, and reported to BPD by the citizen making the complaint. This is still under investigation.

Unfinished Business -none

Discussion of protocol, out-reach and new directions for CPCC
-CPCC contact with persons making complaints - it was decided that the Communications Monitor, to provide a more timely response from CPCC, will check our folder at BPD every two weeks and will attempt to make contact with complainant if so requested. Such efforts will be reported to CPCC at the next regular meeting.
-Need/Purpose of CPCC - it was pointed out that BPD seems to be on top of various issues and is doing a commendable job in dealing with citizen complaints. In addition to responding to the citizen, BPD reviews its overall policies and officer training programs relative to each complaint received. Also, there are investigations of internal situations, observed by supervisors which were not reported by citizens. Is there still a need for CPCC which was begun some years ago when such a comprehensive communications system was not in place. Captain Carignan explained that the goal of BPD was to continue a positive relationship with CPCC, thereby maintaining the confidence of the Brattleboro community in local police work. He also indicated the value of an ‘additional set of eyes’ beyond BPD reviewing various situations. It was also noted that CPCC was necessary to exist, to be there when needed. No action was taken at this time on this issue.

New Business -none
No Public Participation

Moved, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Ken McCaffrey
Recording Clerk