Brattleboro Citizens Police Communications Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 24, 2017

Present: Ken McCaffrey, Ben Coplan, Darah Kehnemuyi, Ariel Nelson.
Regrets: Matthew Wright
In attendance: Captain Mark Carignan, Brattleboro Police Department.

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

Committee reviewed the Agenda. Agenda approved as published without additions or changes.

Committee approved the Minutes of its March 27, 2017 meeting.

Committee reviewed compliments and complaints received by the Brattleboro Police Department (BPD) since the Committee’s last meeting. No compliments were offered as having been received by BPD since the Committee’s March, 2017 meeting.

One new complaint was reviewed based on handling of one call by Dispatch. Complainant indicated they would like to be contacted by CPCC. Ben Coplan agreed to follow up with the Complainant.

Two older complaints from last month were reviewed. Ben reported on his follow-up on these complaints. On the first Ben attempted contact with the Complainant but received no reply in return from that person. On the second complaint, Ben spent time meeting with the Complainant in person. Ben learned that person was not a witness to the police conduct complained about, but had heard about it from a third-party. The BPD is still investigating the incident and is prepared to undertake whatever remedial efforts are called for.

Unfinished Business:

Outreach: Ariel reported on her contacts with Community Conscious Policing. She reported the effort was still being developed, that she would keep track of it, and report back to the Committee on its progress.

Committee briefly discussed increasing its membership to seven people. After discussion, it was decided to table this issue until such time as the Committee feels it needs to increase its membership.

Procedures:

Committee discussed the issue of confidentiality within the context of holding an open, public meeting. Discussion was extended, comprehensive, and aimed at achieving some level of common understanding among the Committee of boundaries to be observed when dealing this issue. No specific action was taken.

The Committee tabled Ken’s draft letter to local media outlets until every Committee member had an opportunity to review it.
There was no public comment or participation offered from the community during our meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Darah Kehnemuyi
Recording Clerk