

**Brattleboro Citizens Police Communications Committee**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting June 22, 2020**

***NOTE: Per the “Stay Home – Stay Safe” order issued by Governor Scott, this meeting was held remotely with no physical location using GoToMeeting.***

**Present:** Leesette Bengar, Gary Stroud, Bruce Sweeter, Captain Carignan

**Missing:** Beth Baldwin

**Call to Order:** Leesette Bengar called the meeting to at 17:33: Quorum Present

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** November minutes were reviewed. Leesette Bengar moved to approve and Bruce Sweeter seconded. All voted in favor and approved.

**Meeting Notes:**

- Complaint against Cathy Barrows was discussed. An internal investigation found there may be a case for criminal charges and the investigation was suspended. After an outside investigation came up with no criminal charges, the case was reopened by Captain Carrigan and results given to Chief Fitzgerald. Waiting on his response.
- Fredrick complaint was discussed. The complaint was in regards to abusive treatment he received during a traffic stop. This was investigated and resolved with both parties being notified. Resolution will be sent to the committee.
- Sean O’dell complaint was also discussed. This was also investigated and resolved. We are waiting to get a copy of that resolution.
- Discussed the videos that were sent to the committee. There was no interest.
- The committee sent Beth a thank you and relayed how much of a help she was on the committee.
- Committee was notified that a new member, Jason Schmotzer, was approved by the Selectboard and would be joining us in July

**Public Participation:**

- Franz Reichsman, wanted to know the role of committee for a review of the police department. Captain Carrigan stated it is not to his understanding this would be the role of the committee.
- Select board Member Ian Goodnow, was curious on what our procedure is if a report comes up where procedure was not followed. Leesette Bengar explained that if we were not satisfied with the results presented that we were able to send back to the Chief for further information or request that he attend a meeting to go into further explanation when available. Also, wanted to see if we the CPCC would be interested in being part of the review of the police department. All agreed that they would be interested if asked to help further.

**Move to Adjourn:** Leesette Bengar moved to adjourn 17:55; Bruce Sweeter seconded. All voted in favor and adjourned.