

Brattleboro Citizens Police Communications Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 25, 2019

Present: Leesette Bengar, Gary Stroud, Bruce Sweeter, Beth Baldwin, Chief Fitzgerald

Missing:

Call to Order: Leesette Bengar called the meeting to at 17:27: Quorum Present

Review and Approval of Minutes: October minutes were reviewed. Leesette Bengar moved to approve and Gary Stroud seconded. All in favor, so approved.

Meeting Discussions:

Discussed open complaint from Mr. Odell. Complaint is still pending resolution on paper. Chief Fitzgerald said it was completed and updated the committee. They found Mr. Odell's complaint valid and the officer was retrained.

Discussed changing the Dec 23 meeting and moving it to Jan 6. All committee members were in favor.

Public Participation:

Dale Joy had questions for Chief Fitzgerald on marijuana laws and what happens to confiscated marijuana. Ms. Joy brought up that her son had his marijuana taken and earrings and she did not get those items back. It was brought up that this meeting was not the place to discuss and she should contact the Chief.

Bob Oeser brought up a newspaper article about a meeting residents in Bellows Falls had with the Assistant District Attorney and a Lawyer in dealing with nuisance residents. There is a home on Central St. which has had many complaints and drug issues. What can be done to act on this as Bellows Falls is trying to do? The recommendation was to speak to the Selectboard.

Sam Farwell representing the NAACP wanted to discuss the complaint filed by Stephen Gillom. The NAACP was not satisfied with the Chief's response to the

complaint. The Brattleboro Police Department was not involved. He explained that they reviewed all cameras and logs and there was no evidence of this issue. They have no record of any traffic stop, towing, or impoundment of any vehicle for the day before, of, or after the date of the alleged incident. Mr. Farrwell brought up that in the amount of time it took to get a meeting with Captain Carrignan, the unsecured video in the lobby was over written. Chief Fitzgerald informed him that the NAACP set the meeting date.

Compliments and Complaints:

None

Move to Adjourn: Leesette Bengar moved to adjourn 18:06; Gary Shroud seconded.