

March 10, 2014 Police Advisory Committee Minutes (Draft)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:35 by chairperson Linda Clark. Committee members attending were Linda Clark, Kevin Sullivan, Jeanette Baker, and Richard Inman. Kate Merchant was unable to attend. The Select Board representative was Roy Fanjoy, there were also 18 towns people in attendance.

The meeting started with Kevin addressing some old business in regards to the anonymous mail that the PAC had received at the December meeting, and had then shredded at the January meeting. Kevin spoke at length to this subject and brought up some very valid points supporting the validity of anonymous letters and documents. Kevin stated that the Concord Regional Crimeline not only supports the use of anonymous tips and correspondence but at times pays for these anonymous tips. There was also considerable discussion supporting the town keeping anonymous letters on file for future reference and use. A great deal of discussion pursued as to whether there is a written policy and procedure pertaining to the Town not accepting any anonymous correspondence. As the discussion continued it was suggested that the PAC request a ruling over the matter by the Select Board. It was also suggested that the PAC develops its own policy regarding the acceptance of anonymous mail. Kevin suggested that in the future when the PAC receives any mail that it opened and read by the PAC members and then forwarded along to the either the Chief or Select Board depending on the content and the current town policies.

One of the townspeople attending shared with the PAC how he was upset over how the Police had responded to his complaint of wood being stolen. At the time of the incident he had provided the Police with a plate number and description of the vehicle. He stated that the only response the he received was in a phone conversation when he was told "it's some guy from Penacook". Another of the attendees stated a similar complaint in which wood was stolen and he had to call the Police to see what was happening with his case, and was not satisfied with the response he received.

Richard suggested that all future PAC meetings be recorded much like the Select Board's meetings are. At this point there was much discussion about the minutes of the past PAC meetings whether the PAC being a committee falls under the same RSA's as the other appointed boards.

It was suggested that the PAC regroup and move forward after the letter shredding incident. This was countered by the statement "why do we think we can move forward if we can't fix what's wrong now?"

There was discussion as to the where the PAC will go from here, as all of the committee members were appointed to a one year term that ends in May.

The PAC received a letter during the meeting, which was opened and read by the attending committee members. After reading the letter, the committee decided to reseal and forward it to the Select Board as it is the Select Boards policy to deal with the subject matter contained within the letter.

As always the PAC would like to extend an invitation to attend our next meeting to be held on April 21, 6:30 PM at the Public Safety Building.