

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

October 15, 2024

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING - DRAFT October 15, 2024

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD: Gwendolyn Evans, Dan Maguire, Vince Cuciti and Jody Kamon (Advisor).

Absent: Christina Hagestad

STAFF: Michele Hodgson, Administrative Assistant, Essex Police Department, Alyssa Marsh, Community Liaison, Essex Police Department

ADMINISTRATION: Ron Hoague (EPD Chief)

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Gwendolyn Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

No additions or changes.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments from the public.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

a. The Board approved the Minutes for the September meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. The Chief welcomed the new EPD Community Liaison hire Alyssa Marsh. Ms. Marsh was present and engaged briefly with the board. Ms. Marsh will start her employ at the end of October. The Chief also noted that EPD hired a new patrol officer. The Chief is hopeful at least two more vacant patrol positions will be filled pending Police Academy graduation early next year.

The Chief reported back to the board relative to an incident reported by advisor Jody Kamon at the last meeting. He advised that without further information he found no internal references indicating such an incident occurred. Jody indicated she might be able to secure more specific identifying information to assist the Chief.

b. Explore Essex/Community Engagement. The Open House held at EPD last month was not well attended. EPD looks forward to the Pumpkinpalooza where they will have a booth to engage the public. The Chief encouraged board members to attend and visit the EPD booth October 26th 4pm-8pm.

c. The board learned that Chair Christina Hagestad met with the City Council October 9th where she discussed the exigency of filling the two City vacancies on the board. The Town presently has a full complement of members (3). Also, Christina will meet with the Essex Reporter for an interview about PCAB.

d. Chair Christina Hagestad will address the Essex Town Selectboard on November 4th.

e. Public Safety Survey Task List. The board thanked Vince Cuciti for his submission regarding Survey Tips and Organization. The board liked the structure and requested each member submit at least 5 potential survey questions. The submissions will be made to Vince at least one week in advance of the next meeting. Jody led a discussion of strategies designed to broaden accessibility, especially to marginalized groups. The goal for distribution of the survey was set for early 2025. Vince was hopeful students at EHS might be able to assist.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Gwendolyn. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Maguire
CAB Secretary