

## **Minutes of Moderator's Committee on Police Reporting, Public Hearing March 7, 2017**

**Present:** Committee Members Deputy Superintendent Myles Murphy, Brian Bergstein, Len Weiss, Tom Elwertowski, Officer John Canney, and Lynda Roseman and member of the public, Gary Jones, Petitioner of Article 30 and TMM from Precinct 3.

Minutes of February 14 were approved.

Brian Bergstein summarized for Gary Jones what the committee has been discussing and researching. Then he turned the floor over to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones explained that the impetus for bringing the Warrant Article was two incidents that involved his constituents in Precinct 3. He explained that he prepared the article in haste because of the timing requirements for submission and at the time he wrote the article, he wasn't familiar with the police department's procedures for reporting incidents. He indicated that he would defer to the committee and respect its efforts and recommendations. He reported that neither party involved in the incidents that spurred his efforts was able to obtain information about the incidents from the Brookline police, but could not describe the particular facts and circumstances. He also complained that neither incident was reported in The Tab. Mr. Jones seemed to be unaware of the online information that is available through the Town of Brookline's Police Department website. After hearing of that resource, Mr. Jones suggested that the information be indexed so that people can search for particular types of incidents.

Myles Murphy invited Mr. Jones to the police station so that he could show him the online resources that are available and discuss how to access incident reports, an invitation Mr. Jones accepted.

Len Weiss suggested that perhaps we could make the public more aware of how to access the information the police post on their website.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:00 am in the Selectmen's Conference Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of Town Hall.