



POLICE COMMISSIONERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Brookline Town Hall
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Judith Fabricant, Chair
Karen Ambrose
Scott Ananian
Kimberley Richardson
Kristan Singleton
Paul Yee
Ronald Wilkinson

Town of Brookline Police Commissioners Advisory Committee

Date: 07/31/2023 Start Time: 7:00 PM

Actual Start: 7:00 PM End: 8:36 PM

Meeting held via ZoomGov

Board Members Present: Judith Fabricant, Chair, Scott Ananian, Kimberley Richardson, Ronald Wilkinson, Paul Yee, Karen Ambrose, Kristan Singleton

PCAC Staff Present: DS Paul Campbell, Michael Downey, Sarah Kaplan

I. Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order and a reminder was issued that meetings are being recorded.

II. Minutes Review

Approval of minutes from the May 22, 2023 meeting deferred until the next meeting.

III. Public Comment Period

No Public Comment

IV. Proposed Changes to Policy Manual Regarding Responding to Individuals with Mental Illness

Revised policy draft presented. Ron Wilkinson described changes made, relating to steps followed upon the arrest of a person with mental health issues (the flow chart as discussed at the last meeting) and slight change to the role of guardians in such situation.

Motion to Approve Draft Policy for Submission to, and Final Approval by, the Select Board

Moved by Wilkinson. **Seconded** by Ananian.

AYE: Wilkinson, Ananian, Ambrose, Richardson, Singleton

Abstain: Yee

Approved 5-0, with one abstention

Public Comment:

Marty Rosenthal: Raises discrepancy in procedural order following the arrest of a person with mental illness.

V. Report on Civilian Feedback Survey Responses

June 11, 2023 – Incident on Kent Street

Involves incident with group of persons getting out of an Uber, at which point they allege being confronted by a police officer making inappropriate and threatening comments. Complainant remained anonymous and did not leave contact information for Lt. Charles Thornton to solicit additional information. According to DS Campbell, complainant did file a formal citizen complaint, too. Lt. Thornton looked into the matter further, but without additional information from the complainant, he could not make a determination one way or the other.

The Committee agrees to set aside the matter until the next meeting, in hopes of having additional information to review. DS Campbell will have more information to share at the next meeting.

VI. Revisions to BPD Civil Service Promotional General Order

DS Paul Campbell explains the proposed change is merely to align BPD policy language with civil service law. As currently constituted, the BPD language contravenes the law. Michael Downey raises legal concern regarding minimum requirements as to years of service (3 years) in terms of examination eligibility. The law allows for less years of service when sitting for promotional examinations to Lieutenant and above.

DS Campbell agrees to change the language to simply reference civil service for purposes of compliance. Final version will be ready for review at the next meeting.

VII. Warrant Article 23 - Body Cameras

Town Meeting passed WA 23, which in part directs the Select Board to adopt a policy with advice from the PCAC. Chair Fabricant creates a working group and asks for volunteers: Scott Ananian, Ron Wilkinson, Paul Campbell

VIII. Working Group Reports

Juvenile Operations

Kristan Singleton reports that a final draft is close to complete. Singleton addresses lack of data necessary to review and make meaningful changes, and for consideration of the PCAC in terms of how it can intervene to effectuate change. Chair Fabricant suggests bringing in BPD representatives responsible for data collection and reporting for further discussion. Further, Chair Fabricant suggests establishing a working group to delve into issues surrounding data collection and reporting, and meet with BPD representatives. Volunteers: Scott Ananian, Kristan Singleton, Kimberley Richardson.

Equipment Violation Policy and Postcard Notice

No update to report.

Investigatory Stop and Frisk/Threshold Inquiry

No update to report.

IX. Select Board Presentation on August 15, 2023

Chair Fabricant will be appearing before the Select Board on August 15, 2023 to present the Committee's operations and progress over the past year.

X. Future Meetings – September 11, 2023; October 2, 2023; October 30, 2023

In Person? Fully Remote?

September 11, 2023 will be remote.

October 2, 2023 Meeting: **Moved** by Kimberley Richardson for Hybrid meeting. **Seconded** by Karen Ambrose

AYE: Kimberley Richardson, Ron Wilkinson, Karen Ambrose, Paul Yee, Kristan Singleton, Chair Fabricant

Abstain: Scott Ananian

VOTE: Approved 6-0, with one abstention

October 30, 2023 Meeting: **Moved** by Wilkinson for Hybrid meeting. **Seconded** by Singleton.

AYE: Kimberley Richardson, Ron Wilkinson, Karen Ambrose, Paul Yee, Kristan Singleton, Chair Fabricant

Abstain: Scott Ananian

VOTE: Approved 6-0, with one abstention

XI. Vote to Adjourn

8:39p.m.

On a motion duly seconded, the Police Commissioners Advisory Committee (PCAC) voted by roll call to adjourn.

Moved by Yee. **Seconded** by Ananian.

AYE: Ronald Wilkinson, Paul Yee, Scott Ananian, Kristan Singleton, Judith Fabricant, Karen Ambrose, Kimberley Richardson

VOTES:

Vote to adjourn at 8:36PM. Moved by Yee, Seconded by Singleton. Approved 7-0.

DOCUMENTS PREPARED:

July 2023 Monthly Civilian Feedback Survey

Mental Health Working Group Policy Draft

Proposed Revisions to BPD policy RE: Promotional Examinations

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is the PCAC Public Hearing scheduled for September 11, 2023 at 7:00PM.

The above minutes are draft until approved by the Committee.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

/s/Michael Downey
Staff, For the Committee

For the Committee, Judith Fabricant, Chair Date