

Crime and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, 7/06/23 @ Town Hall

Municipal Office Building

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HERE ARE APPROVED
MINUTES FOR 7/06
MEETING - I WILL
SEND YOU MINUTES
FOR 6/01 MEETING.

- I. Call To Order - 6:30pm. Meeting opened 6:31pm 1st Scott K., 2nd Tom D. Those present were Scott K., Tom D., Diane L., Don M., Nancy M., Pam K., Chris Cyr., John Tholl, Sr.
- II. Approval of Minutes - A motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6/01/23 was brought forth by Tom D., 2nd D. Mooney. Unanimous.
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - Review of statistics from NH State Police, Lancaster Police Department and Whitefield Police Department.
 - Scott Kleinschrodt presented prior years criminal statistics for Dalton provided by NHSP as well as statistics from Whitefield PD and Lancaster PD. The data shows a steady increase in reported crimes in Dalton, Lancaster and Whitefield and is expected to continue to rise.

- Introduction of John Tholl - Former Dalton Police Chief
John Tholl, Sr., spoke to the committee about what would be needed to renew a police department in Dalton, providing estimates of costs involved, equipment necessary, staffing requirements, and services available including outsourcing to local towns for mutual aid coverage as is already in place for EMS in Dalton. It is his opinion that the Town of Dalton is in need of a full-time police department based on the data and the type of crimes reported in Dalton.
- Acknowledgement that NHSP does not have the resources to provide extra coverage in Dalton for a constant presence which has left the town vulnerable to a host of unchecked criminal activities.
- Scott K. confirmed that Whitefield Police Chief Ed Samson and Lancaster Police Chief Tim Charbonneau are open to a more in depth discussion concerning mutual aid coverage from both towns and the costs that would be involved.
- Public Comment -
 - Chris Cyr, CEO Team O'Neil, expressed concerns for the noticeable increase in suspicious activities near the Team O'Neil training facility and expressed interest in helping Dalton find a solution.

- Tom D. would like to hear what Whitefield and Lancaster have to offer.
- Scott K. - Need to continue open forums and ask the public for input.
- John Tholl, Sr. stated \$15K budget was not realistic to provide adequate coverage for Dalton.
- Scott - Committee will set up a public hearing to welcome input from all. Will also look at creating a survey. Questions to include "What is reasonable cost for mutual aid police coverage in Dalton?"
- Next meeting Thursday 7/20/23 @ 6:30, Municipal Office Building.
- Meeting adjourned 7:40pm Tom D., Scott K.