

Crime and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, 7/20/23/ 6:30 PM / MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Attendees

Scott Kleinschrodt., Tom Dubreuil., Diane Lyon., Nancy Mooney., Donald Mooney., and Jennifer Green.

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

Call to order 6:34

Approval of 7/06/23 meeting minutes. Tom D., Donald M. Unanimous.

Old Business

Brief review of minutes including statistics from surrounding towns and estimates of costs involved for all options. Jennifer would like to have more specific cost information.

New Business

Purpose of committee:

The committee is tasked with creating a series of open forums as set out by affirmative vote on a Warrant Article. To establish whether or not the community, as a whole, would want to increase police presence and coverage in Dalton. Some possible options are:

- The community is comfortable with current coverage.
- The community feels it necessary to contract NHSP for more coverage.
- The possibility of contracting with local towns for shared/combined coverage.
- To reestablish a part-time police department.
- Create a full time police department.

What would we see if we're successful?

- Large turnout at public forums.
- The town working together.
- Working conversation.
- Respect for all.

Getting the word out -

- Advertise
- Create a Facebook page
- Town Website
- Church - possibly a place to hold forums

Concerns:

- Making sure that ALL are contacted.
- Making sure people feel safe and comfortable speaking their piece.
- Setting a standard – What is allowed? When is it too much?
- Forums will be non-partisan.
- How to manage it: ***Roberts Rules of Order**. Those refusing to comply will be asked to leave.

Notes

Attendees participated in active, productive conversations with very constructive contributions from newcomer Jennifer Green.

Next Meeting Agenda

- Pick a date for the first public forum.
- Map out next steps.
- Set questions.
- Look for alternative location (other than municipal building) for forums, if needed.

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Meeting adjourned 7:27. Scott, Tom.