

Hampden Public Safety
Citizen Advisory Committee

Minutes

9-27-16

- All committee members were present: Michael Allen, Brian Bouchard, Nicholas Raymond, Rev. David Nicol, Wally Fraser, Nancy Fenders, Jamie Sinclair and Terry McAvoy. Also present were PSD Joe Rogers, Sgt. Chris Bailey, Lt. Jason Lundstrom, Sgt. Scott Webber and FF/Paramedic Chris Liepold.
- Sgt. Bailey explained the mission of the committee is to increase communication between citizens and the public safety department.
- PSD Rogers gave an overview of Hampden Public Safety and answered questions from committee members.
- Members discussed their public safety concerns and why they were interested in the Citizen Advisory Committee. Elderly issues, (isolation and food security) and drug issues were discussed. Sgt. Bailey discussed how the Heroin epidemic has affected the Town of Hampden.
- Members discussed the Marijuana Legalization Referendum and for public safety to be thinking about the impact on the community. There was a suggestion to get information out to the public.
- Members discussed identifying organizations and resources in the community to assist with various issues, i.e. drugs, the elderly etc.
- Members discussed having a community forum in conjunction with the schools to educate parents on drug trends. Possibly include information related to community resources.
- Members discussed the frame work for future meetings:
 - An educational component at each meeting. Ex. Jaws of Life, visit to PRCC etc. Members will e-mail Sgt. Bailey with ideas.
 - Will profile a public safety employee at each meeting.

- E-mail will be the primary communication source.
- Members identified Thursday as the best day for meetings. The first few meetings will be monthly. The meetings will eventually be quarterly.
- Have the SRO come to a meeting to discuss teen issues.
- Discuss crime trends at each meeting.
- Discuss the number and types of calls related to the elderly at each meeting.
- Have a student on the committee. The student should be a citizen of the Town of Hampden. Sgt. Bailey will speak with Sgt. Stewart about a recommendation.
- Each meeting will include an opportunity for members to discuss public safety issues in their neighborhood.
- Members will e-mail agenda items before each meeting.

- Sgt. Bailey discussed the strategic planning process. The current draft goals and performance measures were distributed to members. Members were asked to review the goals and offer comments/suggestions at the next meeting.

- Members received a tour of the public safety building.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

- **The next meeting is scheduled for 11-17-16 at 6:00 PM at Hampden Public Safety.**