

**Town of St. Albans
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16th, 2016
1pm**

Attendees: Stan Dukas, Al Voegele, Bob Cross, Lt. Ron Hoague, Mark Leclair and Town Manager, Carrie Johnson.

Opened meeting at 1 p.m.

Vandalism – Town Forest

Discussed vandalism at Town Forest, parties, picnic tables destroyed, campfires, and tree damage are evident. The Police Department (PD) to patrol more regularly and knock on neighbors doors to encourage them to report disturbance in real time to allow PD to catch those causing the damage.

NIMS Class for Selectboard

Bob Cross will schedule a NIMS class for our Selectboard for this summer. Bob has also initiated the Alert Now System registration for the Town. The City is transitioning from a paid service to this free service now. The City and Town plan to do a combined public education press release (PSA) to encourage people to sign up for Alert Now.

Computer Comparison Statistics (COMP-STAT)

Lt. Hoague provided an overview of the computer comparison statistic (Comp Stat) meetings that started last year for managing and improving police operations. He handed out an explanation of the new program, and explained they are slowly expanding the list of participants. It was suggested they invite Northwest Medical Center and Town Director of Public Works, Steve Beauregard to these meetings in the future.

The committee requested a meeting with the St. Albans City Fire Chief as they explore more cost effective ways to manage public safety costs. We shall invite Gary Taylor to participate in the early discussion about sharing City/Town public safety services. The initial focus will likely be on fire services.

Carrie will invite Greg Hale, the Prison Superintendent to attend the next PSC meeting to explain how they manage public safety issues at the prison.

Schedule

The next meeting will be June 20th, at 1 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.