

**Town of St. Albans
Police Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 11th, 2018
1pm**

Attendees: RADM Warren Hamm, Al Voegele, Chief Gary Taylor, Lt Ben Couture, Carrie Johnson. Absent was Mark Leclair

The meeting opened at 1 p.m.

Police Department Marine Unit

This was the first meeting of the Police Advisory Committee since being formed in April 12, 2018. New members familiarized themselves with the existing 2015 Police Contract and January 2018 Street Crimes Unit contract addendum. The committee elected RADM Warren Hamm to be Chair, he accepted.

After introductions, Chief Taylor presented the concept of needing a police department marine unit. This need was explained due to the increased number of boats in the area along with the new Marina opening. Chief Taylor said the police department was applying for a grant to fund the first police department boat, and that he would be submitting an estimate of the costs for personnel to patrol the Bay next summer. It is anticipated the boat would be owned by the Town and staffed by the St. Albans Police Department. The grant match requirement is 25%; boat estimated cost with equipment is \$142,000. Chief Taylor pursued other boat options which did not pan out or were cost prohibitive. Sheriff's boat was estimated to cost \$150/hour. Using the fire department boat was prohibitive since they equip it specific to their needs. The committee also agreed that to go with an inexpensive and less capable boat was not desirable for the purpose of this important new capability.

Chief Taylor said Lt. Couture had attended a marine training class recently, along with 2 other officers. Chief Taylor presented the committee with a summary of the need for a police department Marine Unit (attachment 1), summary of police department jurisdiction on and around the lake (attachment 2), and the grant information and budget for the boat (attachment 3). The tasking to Chief Taylor also included preparing a concept of Operations of the Unit.

Schedule

The committee will meet again to review the complete proposal and prepare to present their recommendation to the Selectboard in the near future. The meeting will be scheduled once the police department has finalized their proposal.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35p.m.