

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING- FINAL

June 16, 2026

POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD: Gwendolyn Evans, Dan Maguire, Nancy Bean, Jenny Parker

ABSENT: Lisa Holmes, Christina Hagestad

STAFF: Kristen Wright- Community Liaison, Essex Police Department and Ron Hoague (EPD Chief)

ADMINISTRATION:

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gwendolyn Evans called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

No additions or changes

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

None

5. CONSENT ITEMS

a. The Board approved the Minutes for the May meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Chief gave an update on the Lt process; advising that the decision was made and Srgt Mike Chistolini will be the next Lt. Chistolini will attend the July meeting to meet the PCAB members. Brief history of Mike Chistolini and what he has done / accomplished at the PD thus far. Chief announced the retirement of Det Srgt John Dunn. Segwaying into the Srgt process beginning the following week. Eight applicants for Srgt and 1 applicant for dispatch supervisor. Chief described what the Srgt application process is like- to include the written test, the interview process, presentation for the interview panel and the in-basket exercise. Two new graduates from Vermont Police Academy who are on the street with their Field Training Officers. And the potential for two more recruits starting the academy in*

August. Chief announced one employee who turned in resignation and last day is June 18.

- b. Chief gave update on current cases. Discussed the manslaughter and reckless endangerment case that was arraigned that day. The proposed new dog ordinance going to the Select Board was discussed.*
- c. Kristen discussed current public events happening to include attendance at Big Beautiful Life with officer Ersi Dinzey. The marketing team was in attendance and would be continuing to provide more videos for recruitment. Dan Maguire commented on the video of officer Dinzey.*
- d. Chief gave update property crime, to include some recent arrests.*
- e. PCAB Board discussed strategies to recruit new members to serve on the board. It was discussed if we would have a meeting in July / August. Gwendolyn suggested bringing friends / neighbors at the next meeting. Jenny suggested holding July / August meetings with a work plan of attending events / promoting PCAB. Dan offers to stay on the PCAB board until his replacement is found.*
- f. Jenny offered to attend the Coming Together Summit in July on behalf of PCAB. Gwendolyn is also interested in attending. A decision to have a table separate from the Police Department was made. Dan offered that he would like to attend the Coming Together Summit as well. Jenny requested flyers for what PCAB is to distribute.*
- g. A discussion of what events PCAB could and would be attending- to include National Night Out. Jenny, Gwendolyn, Nancy and Dan all agreed they would attend NNO.*
- h. Jenny proposed that all PCAB members give notice by the Tuesday prior to a meeting that they will not be in attendance.*
- i. Work Plan was discussed. Three mail goals were established.
Goal 1: To fill the vacant positions on the PCAB Board, to include Dan's.
Goal 2: PCAB will attend a minimum of six (6) community / public events between now and the end of 2026.
Goal 3: PCAB will host a minimum of four public outreach events; such as coffee talks at local, panel discussion at Teen Police Academy or a 'know your rights' discussion. Jenny is going to reach out to a few local coffee shops and try to set this up.*

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright
Community Affairs Liaison