

Minutes of the Hopkinton Police Commission Meeting of 7/14/2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Geoff Cook, Howie Mills, myself, and Bob Marvel. No parties acknowledged their presence on the provided conference line.

Old Business:

1. Review of the past month's activity

Chief Palmer reported that the department is considering implementation of body worn cameras. Chief attended a seminar explaining their use and capabilities. Axion corp. (provider of this equipment) is planning a visit to our dept. to give a demonstration. HPD was anticipating a grant of approximately \$14k, but its possible that funding will be a little greater than that. More to follow. In related business, Chief discussed Westerly PD's status with body cams, and requested information from Commissioner Mills who has been involved in Westerly's program, and may be able to leverage that experience to help HPD with our startup efforts.

There were no overdoses last month, and there was one suicide attempt, with the victim being transported to the local hospital.

School safety: Chief has attended several meetings on this topic recently. One action that has been taken in our area schools is to ensure that "Knox rapid access boxes" are installed on the front and back entrances of each school. All affected departments are in the process of verifying that they have necessary keys to gain access when needed.

Accreditation: Our dept. is fully accredited at this time, and have received their \$1k grant from the trust for that completion. Thanks to all who supported this important effort.

Our newest officer has officially been on the job for five weeks now and is performing in an exemplary manner.

New Business

Councilor Marvel covered his topic for items from the Communications Committee regarding ways to disseminate information effectively to Hopkinton residents. He informed the group that there is a new website provided by "civic plus" to serve the town. Other towns have utilized this platform as an effective interface for sharing information between departments and townspeople.

Discussion of possible vendors and pricing for E911 numbers.

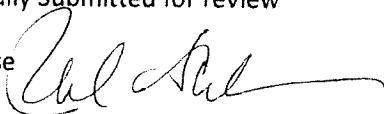
On the memorandum of agreement to reestablish what each entity in each town will be contributing, Chief has all but one signature on the new document. A better update on the status of materials will be provided next month.

The commission reviewed the minutes of 5/9/22. There was a motion to accept them as presented by Howard Mills, and seconded by Geoff Cook, motion carried. The commission also reviewed the minutes of 6/9/22. Geoff Cook made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mills. The motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

Phil Scalise



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