

Citizen Advisory Committee - Minutes
February 13, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Organization:
Review agenda.
Other organizational items -
Approve minutes

Roy made a motion to accept minutes, seconded by Mike, Wendi abstained due to absence, approved.

Citizen's Comments:

Roy received some citizen input. If this is a complaint it needs to go through the proper channels. They will connect this person to the BF social worker. bparizo@hcrs.org

Chester Police Department Comments and/ or Input

Upcoming CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. This can be a good stepping stone as recruitment for the town's emergency services. Can use CERT to help with floods, natural disasters, fall festival, traffic direction, safety checks for citizens, available for various larger town events when needed. Will be looking for funding for needed supplies, expenses will not come out of the Chester tax base.

Teaching First Aid and CPR to High School Sophomores.

Question about traffic management with Okemo Traffic, is monitored from 3-5, Maple street and Rt 11, contracted with Okemo. Conditional use for DOLLAR General was that they would pay for traffic control when traffic is heavy. Would be helpful to have traffic control when there is a school event letting out when there is ski traffic. The school could hire an officer to do traffic control if needed when there are events.

Just got a grant for 2 mobile data computers and two traffic safety signs (trailers) that can be programmed with different text.

Sub-Committee Updates:
Communication; Flood Response Survey

Will be sent to Amy to go out to all social media sites, it will also be in the town report on the page talking about the police advisory committee and what we are doing and have done.

Personnel

Lutinnent search is getting started again. Trying to tap into other places to recruit more. Will advertise more about the benefits of being in Chester.

Data Analysis

229 traffic stops in January, a noticeable increase.

Community Awareness

Do table for town meeting about neighborhood watch, ask people to sign up if they are interested, set the first meeting for the second Tuesday in April, provide a takeaway form that has a website for more information about neighborhood watch.

Chester Telegraph asked if the PD could do a brief once a month to update the community on happenings around town. Can all three of the emergency programs put information into the brief.

Get Zoom links for Police advisory Committee meetings onto our agenda, contact Julie to see how to access the town's Zoom account.

Policy Review

Other Items:

Time frames on agenda
Adding Zoom option for meetings

Next Agenda: (March 13, 2024 meeting)

Adjourn