

Freeport Police Advisory Committee – Minutes January 23, 2024

Present: Mark Devine, Warren, Graver, and Elizabeth Ring.

Absent: Ed Boutin, Enoch Boudreau, Daniel Piltch, Nate Goodman.

Resigned: Joyce Veilleux

Key topics for tonight are:

- Joyce resignation, ideas for nominations for open seat:

Please think about who might be good members of this committee. We understand Joyce's need to resign but will miss the wonderful energy she has brought to our work.

- Committee leadership.

I, Mark, indicated a few months ago I did not intend to continue to chair the committee as my work schedule and travel has become hard to manage and I'm not able to dedicate as much time between meetings to committee work. Would like to open nominations for other to chair, or, if you want me to continue, I will need some understanding on my limited contribution in the role. Mark agreed to continue for now and we agreed to spread the load of the work.

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- Complaint process, next steps:

The leaflet just needs a couple of tweaks and it is ready to go. The next steps are to work with the web person and make sure the FPD page is up to date. We also need to find out about a print version to be available in the Public Safety lobby and perhaps at Freeport Community Services.

- Annual report,

would like to begin outlining for council. This is still an open project. I believe we agreed that we might each put down ideas for things to report and share them with Mark.

We also talked briefly about the staffing needs of the FPD and what might be needed to help staff grow. Questions we had were: how can we help? Are there residence requirements for department members? Where do our officers now live? How far do they have to travel in an emergency? Another question that has arisen in the area is what do the police need for an active shooter response?

Ideas for our focus for 2024 are finish the commendation and complaint brochure; work with Chief Goodman about the statistics and other information about the department's work that would help us help them; and education topics.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Ring, Secretary Pro Tem.