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Town of Belmont
Warrant Committee
Public Safety Subcommittee

Minutes of Public Safety Subcommittee of Warrant Committee

Location: May 18, 2020, 10:00 am
Virtual meeting, Belmont MA

Present: Daniel Halston, Chair, John Alcock, Anne Helgen, Andrew Levin, Lynn Read
Fire Chief David Frizzell and Asst. Chief Wayne Haley

The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

The Subcommittee discussed two reports that the Chief had forwarded along to the Subcommittee over the weekend on staffing levels within the Dept. They then discussed the issues to be addressed in the Public Safety Dept. portion of the Warrant Committee report. In particular, they discussed the expense items that could be deferred from the FY21 budget to the FY22 budget and expense items that could be reduced in the FY21 budget and beyond, such as ongoing overtime costs, and the risks these reduced expenses posed for the Town in FY21 and beyond.

The Chief and Asst. Chief raised concerns about the deferral of spending on turnout gear. They also raised concerns about reduced ambulance revenues because of COVID-19 and efforts to obtain reimbursement for COVID-19 related expenses. The Subcommittee agreed to share their initial thoughts for the Warrant Committee report with the Dept. over the next week or so.

After additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Halston