

Town of Belmont  
Warrant Committee  
Public Safety Subcommittee

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**Minutes of Public Safety Subcommittee of Warrant Committee**

Location: February 17, 2021, 7 pm  
Virtual Meeting, Belmont MA

Present: Daniel Halston, Chair, John Alcock, Chris Doyle, Anne Helgen, Andrew Levin,  
Lynn Read

The Meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

The Subcommittee met to discuss the potential schedule of meetings for this Town budget cycle. After some discussion, the Subcommittee members tentatively decided that they would try to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 on weeks where there was not a Warrant Committee meeting.

Dan Halston raised asking the new Fire Chief to create a benchmark study comparing Belmont to other comparable towns similar to what the Police Chief had created last year at this time. This topic has been raised during the interview selection process for the new Fire Chief. The Subcommittee discussed generating a list of potentially comparable towns to share with the Fire Dept. The Subcommittee discussed obtaining input from the Town Administrator on the range of comparable towns as well. The new Chief will not be starting until March 15<sup>th</sup>, so there is some time to create such a list. Ms. Helgen also raised the types of metrics that the Subcommittee/Fire Dept. should consider for comparison. Additional discussion followed.

The Subcommittee then discussed what reports to generate in light of the upcoming override vote in advance of the Town meeting. The Subcommittee agreed to continue this discussion at its next meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

After additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Halston