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Town of Belmont
Warrant Committee
Public Safety Subcommittee

Minutes of Public Safety Subcommittee of Warrant Committee

Location: February 25, 2021, 7:30 pm
Virtual Meeting, Belmont MA

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

The Subcommittee first approved the meeting minutes of Feb. 17, 2021.

The Subcommittee then discussed the potential schedule of meetings with the Police and Fire Depts. for this Town budget cycle. After some discussion, the Subcommittee members tentatively decided that they would try to meet with the Police Dept. during the weeks of 3/8 or 3/15 and after 3/15 with the Fire Dept. given the new Chief does not start until March 15th.

The Subcommittee discussed potential comparable towns for the Fire Dept. 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 obtaining input from the Town Administrator on the range of comparable towns as well. The Subcommittee discussed potential metrics to be included in any such study. 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 March 11th at 7:30 pm.

After additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Halston