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Town of Belmont  
Warrant Committee  
Public Safety Subcommittee

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

Location: March 18, 2021, 2:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting, Belmont MA

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

Invited: Jamie MacIsaac, Chief and Mark Hurley, Asst. Chief, Police Dept.

The Meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm.

The Subcommittee first approved the meeting minutes of March 11, 2021.

The Subcommittee reviewed the questions that the Subcommittee had previously forwarded to Chief MacIsaac in advance of the meeting to help guide the Subcommittee's discussion concerning relevant topics for the Warrant Committee report. The topics include the impact of COVID-19 and the potential impact of the failure of the Town override vote scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> on the Dept.

The Police Dept. representatives discussed increases in the calls for service in the Town, overtime projections, current vacancies and the difficulty in filling open positions, and overall morale in the Dept., among other topics. The Chief also discussed concerns with IT support and the impact of unfunded mandates on the Dept. After some further discussion of those topics and morale issues in particular, the group also discussed recent donations to the Dept. that had been approved by the SelectBoard and how the Dept. was, in effect, doing more with less Town dollars in light of the donations from town citizens over the years in areas such as software, radios, physical equipment, tasers, etc.

After additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Halston