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Town of Belmont
Warrant Committee
Public Safety Subcommittee

Minutes of Public Safety Subcommittee of Warrant Committee

Location: April 1, 2021, 3:00 pm
Virtual Meeting, Belmont MA

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

Absent: Lynn Read

Invited: David DeStefano, Chief, Fire Dept.

The Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

The Subcommittee reviewed the questions that the Subcommittee had previously forwarded to Chief DeStefano 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 6th on the Dept.

The Chief discussed the challenges faced by the Fire Dept. and in response to the previously submitted questions. He believed the Dept. was understaffed even without the risk of losing a fire fighter should the override not pass. He further believed that budget cuts were leading to departures from the Dept. He also volunteered that a SWOT analysis was underway and that he was planning a report card system to measure how well the Dept. does going forward. The Subcommittee and the Chief agreed that they would meet again after the SWOT analysis was finalized.

After additional discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Halston