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Biddeford Police Advisory Committee
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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Acceptance of Minutes**
 - 2.a. February 23, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes
[2-23-2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes.docx](#)
- 3. Briefing on Selected Topical Areas**
 - 3.a. Explanation of COPE Unit
- 4. Public Safety Committee Items**
- 5. Other Business**
- 6. Adjourn**



POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Minutes

1. **Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. by the Committee Chair. Police Advisory Committee members present were: Chair Carolyn Southwick, Andrew Chad Barrs, Kelly Seiler, and Roger Gagnon. Member Frederick Olson joined shortly after. BPD staff members present were: Chief Roger P. Beaupre, Deputy Chief of Police JoAnne W. Fisk, Lieutenant Rick P. Doyon, Sergeant Steven T. Gorton, and Jim Emerson.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** There were no adjustments
3. **Acceptance of Minutes:** There were no corrections or adjustments to the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting.
4. **Discussion/Review:**
 - a. Chief Beaupre clarified information shared during last month's meeting. After a review of the history of Baton use at BPD and assessing risks, costs and benefits, Batons were eliminated as authorized weapons in 2017. OC Spray has not been used at BPD since sometime before 2015 and the department is considering a similar review/assessment.
 - b. Chief Beaupre discussed the posting requirements of the meeting agenda, minutes, and zoom recording. He re-iterated that the meetings are public and members of the public may attend whether the meeting is in person or virtual via Zoom. The Chief explained that the credentials needed to join the Zoom meeting are posted on the city website, within the posted agenda document, and the public can join the zoom meeting. As the virtual meeting Host, he controls the process of admitting individuals to the meeting.
 - c. The committee viewed a video explaining the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), the accreditation process, and Biddeford's accreditation history and its current status. The video is used for the initial training of new employees at BPD. General discussion regarding CALEA and the accreditation followed the video.
 - d. Chief Beaupre informed the members that the agency's annual report will be released shortly. It will be posted to the city website and he will make sure it is emailed to the members once it is released.
5. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The agenda for the March 23rd meeting is TBD.
6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:06 pm.