

VILLAGE OF COOPERSTOWN

Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative 9 September 2020 - Meeting Summary Community Advisory Board

1. Introductions by CAB Members:

Ellen Tillapaugh, Mayor VOC

Jeanne Dewey, Trustee VOC, Public Safety Committee

Dr. Richard Sternberg, Trustee VOC, Chr. Public Safety Committee

Chief Frank Cavilieri, Cooperstown Police Dept

Senior Officer, James Kelman, Cooperstown Police Dept

*Bruce Maxson, Assist. Public Defender

Rev. Dane Boston, Rector, Cooperstown Episcopal Church

Dr. Richard Brown, Psychiatrist, Bassett Medical Center

Adam Richter, Bassett-Columbia Medical Student

*Veronica Pokorny, Communication – Paperkite Creative

*Dr. Anush Patel, Oncologist, Bassett Medical Center

[* = unable to attend 9 September meeting]

2. Documents were sent digitally, prior to the meeting to all CAB members

1. Executive Order No. 203
2. Gov. Cuomo's Reimagine Police letter
3. Resource Guide for Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

3. Discussed summary and process proposed by NYS:

- Review the needs of the community served by its police agency, and evaluate the department's current policies and practices;
- Establish policies that allow police to effectively and safely perform their duties;
- Involve the entire community in the discussion;
- Develop policy recommendations resulting from this review;
- Offer a plan for public comment; [public meeting/posted on website, etc.]
- Present the plan to the local legislative body to ratify or adopt it, and;
- Certify adoption of the plan to the State Budget Director on or before **April 1, 2021.**

4. Reviewed Suggested Workplan (pgs 112-116 of Resource Guide)

5. Determined data/documents which would be useful:

- Police budgets
- Union Contract
- Police Response Summary
- Resolution – Welcoming Community
- Use of Force Policy

Shared the VOC adopted Comprehensive Plan relative to local law enforcement. [*Continue to ensure local law presence; ensure funding adequate for effective training with a diverse residential and tourist population; provide equipment appropriate for use in local community*]

6. Discussion of the role of the police in our community

Chief Cavilieri noted that the majority of responses in the Village are calls of service, to assist the public. Essentially to protect and serve. All agreed that community oriented policing is the current role and continued role desired for our police department. Chief Cavilieri indicated that among other policies it includes being interactive with the community (more foot patrols, visiting Main Street businesses, engaging with community members, etc.).

7. What supports could the community/Village provide for our police department?

- Ensure training opportunities
- Support Employee Assistance Programs (critical incident counseling, etc.)

8. Reviewed needs of the community and identified stakeholders/programs for future discussions, as well the CAB members who will reach out to those stakeholders

- DSS/ Emergency Housing (Chief Cavilieri)
- Mobile Crisis Assessment Team[MCAT] (Richard Brown and Adam Richter)
- Jail Ministries of Otsego County (Dane Boston)
- Bassett Healthcare/CPD interactions (Richard Brown and Adam Richter)
- Destination Market/Chamber of Commerce - for visitor interaction/impression of local police (Ellen Tillapaugh)

Next meetings: 5 pm Ballroom/Village Hall Sept 23, Oct 7, Oct 21
[1st and 3rd Wednesdays]