

Village of Altamont

Police Review Committee

Meeting Summary

February 4, 2021 7:00 pm

Committee members present:

Todd Pucci- Chief of Police
Patrick Thomas - Officer
Jason Johnston - Officer
John Scally - Village Trustee/Resident - Facilitator
Deborah Hext - Resident
George Schiller - Resident
Jean Conklin - Business Owner

Discussion Item:

-Chief Pucci talked about the policies that were sent out to members. The remainder of the policies will be out by the end of the following week. He reminded members that although he and the department are presenting policies to the group and showing the reforms the APD feel need to be made to meet NYS requirements, it is ultimately on the committee to review, question, and discuss these changes and let the department know what might need to be added or taken away. This document should reflect the Altamont community the department is serving.

Survey Review:

-Trustee Scally reviewed the final Survey questions with the committee. Members asked if the survey can have a spot for public comments in addition to the questions. Trustee Scally will ask the Mayor to add that portion to the survey. A NIXLE will be sent out to the community referring them to the site; link to the survey will be available. The Survey will run for two weeks until February 19th.

Discussion:

-Officer Johnston talked to the committee about specific changes to particular policies. More focus was put on Community Policing. Diversion programs were discussed along with Youth programs and examples of how the APD currently works with the court in these matters.

Going Forward:

Members were asked to forward their policy comments to the committee as they work through each area. Committee will meet in two weeks to allow time to go through the different policies.

Next Steps: Community involvement going forward:

- Survey progress will be reviewed at the next meeting
- Date will be selected for the community forum on the draft plan
- Continued review of policies submitted by Chief Pucci

Next Meeting: February 18th at 7:00pm.

