

## **Town Wide Police District Study Committee**

October 2, 2019

Members: Bruce Nason, Reg Dearborn, Annie Denny, Eric Carter, John Moyers, Dave Sharpe, Jen Myers

Public: Jim Quaglino, filmed by NEAT TV's Mary Arbuckle

Public Forum: Jim clarified from minutes of 9/25 that it hadn't been voted on due to the Selectboard not pursuing the vote. He also said there was a petition that went around in the 1990's that forced a floor vote at Town Meeting which was tabled.

Dave Sharpe clarified, in the district for emergencies, first response is Bristol Police Department. Bruce Nason said yes. Outside the district, for emergencies first response would be State Police unless mutual aid is requested to Bristol Police Department in which they respond. Bruce Nason said yes. John Moyers asked who determines which department to dispatch. Bruce Nason said dispatch at this point determines who to request to respond.

Dave Sharpe said in general he believes the senate would like all towns to have their own police departments, shifting more policing costs to towns and using state police more as a mutual aid service. Dave Sharpe believes the goal of the district residents is to reduce their property tax bill. Bruce Nason has had more encounters with people outside the district interested in receiving police service.

The committee reviewed the survey. The committee agreed on the completed survey. The committee talked about the monetary amounts/relief for district. The current district residents pay \$0.31 per hundred. Dave Sharpe believes this will be a property tax capacity for a decade, which will result in a police district budget doubling.

Time frame: Bruce suggested a two-week time frame. John Moyers suggested we all pledge to get 20 respondents a member to increase the results/respondents. Eric Carter asked about limiting to one response a person. Annie Denny said we want responses. The committee agreed the survey would be active on October 7<sup>th</sup> for two weeks, through October 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee will reconvene on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm to review results. Jen Myers said she will be compiling the paper copies on October 22 at 9am.

Public Forum: Mary Arbuckle of NEAT TV asked about a plan to get the survey out to those not on the computer. She offered to put a notice on the NEAT TV films regarding where the survey can be taken.

Dave Sharpe moved to adjourn 8:20 pm. Reg Dearborn seconded.