

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
POLICE SERVICES STUDY STEERING COMMITTEE
January 12, 2012
Council Chambers, Beck Municipal Building

Minutes - DRAFT

Members Present: M. Capriola, Chief D. Dagon, Major M. Darcy (CSP), Town Manager M. Hart, Council Member M. Lindsey, Deputy Mayor A. Moran, Mayor E. Paterson, Cptn. H. Rhyhart (UConn), Chief K. Searles (Windsor)

The meeting began at 2:05 pm. The minutes of October 28, 2011 were moved by Dagon, seconded by Hart and unanimously adopted as presented.

Police Services Study Discussion. The Committee had a discussion regarding the Police Services Study draft dated January 2012. Discussion included:

- ❖ Modifications to draft report
 - Historical data on staffing, expenditures, and population.
 - Capital expenditure outlook for alternatives one and five.
 - Clearance rates.
 - Overtime costs for alternative two.
- ❖ Next Steps
 - Correct typos, add footnotes.
 - Add clearance rate data from other communities (Willimantic, Coventry, UCONN-Storrs campus).
 - Confirm overtime costs for alternative two.
 - Revise and finalize report.

By consensus Committee members unanimously endorsed Alternative Two, the Enhanced Resident Trooper Model and additionally recommended that:

- ❖ Gradually implement alternative two by adding the desired number of troopers over a number of years (budgetary impact);
- ❖ Attempt to re-negotiate the contract with the Connecticut State Police so the Town has more of a direct role in setting priorities, approach to policing, and selection of staff;
- ❖ Plan and provide adequate office space for the Mansfield Troopers (capital improvement project);
- ❖ Research the feasibility of utilizing seasonal troopers and/or part-time town officers to help address workload issues during peak periods (fall/spring);
- ❖ Continue to partner and work cooperatively with the UCONN Police Department.

This recommendation will be submitted to the Town Council. A tentative date for the Council workshop on the police services study is January 30, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A., Assistant to Town Manager