

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SPECIAL COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES**

Thursday, June 4, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Town Meeting Room, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Organizational Meeting of the Law Enforcement Strategies was called to order by Tammy Wakefield at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Randy Duquette, Fred Gillette, Joyce Ricci, Warren Scholl,
Tammy Wakefield, Amy Shatney, Peter Gerardi

Members Absent: Trooper Esposito with notification

Others Present: Sean Hendricks, Town Manager, John Hallbergh, Allen Parsons, Jim Rivers
Mike Blackmer, WINY

3. Citizens Participation

J. Hallbergh stated that eliminating elected constables was all the Charter change did. A. Parson feels that a combination of Troopers and constables will be beneficial. Police presence is definitely needed but when they are visible it sparks the question of what's wrong I see a police officer. J. Rivers gave lots of great details on how The Town of Pomfret went about establishing constables' and how beneficial it was to the community.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion was made by F. Gillette and seconded by A. Shatney to accept the minutes from May 7, 2015. Motion passed unanimously with the exception of W. Ritter abstaining.

5. New Business

S. Hendricks reviewed the survey results with the commission. He feels that we should really spend some time on the education piece as far as Law Enforcement and let folks know just how much coverage we actually have. R. Duquette stated that if there was a major incident he feels that the numbers would certainly have gone the other way. W. Scholl stated that he wanted the data first and wondered whether the responses to the survey would have been different. T. Wakefield would like someone on the Commission to do the following research: types of constables, types of training. S. Hendricks went over the authority of a constable explaining that it is the same as a regular police officer. P. Geradi talked about Putnam's Auxiliary how they have no police powers that they take care of traffic control. He feels it really compliments the field having a police force along with the Auxiliary. T. Wakefield & P. Geradi feels we should check with CIRMA and see if they can shed some light from an insurance perspective. W. Scholl would like this to reflect in the minutes that we have done our research outsourced to Putnam taken all necessary steps to review all of our options. T. Wakefield stated that adding constables under the State Troopers they would be able to work football games. F. Gillette what is the cost to the municipality to be able to add constables. R. Duquette will reach out to his professor @ Western and get information for the Commission.

6. Old Business

N/A

7. Other discussion items

N/A

8. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn @ 7:55 p.m. by W. Scholl and seconded by A. Shatney. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joeylee Dumas
(Minutes as recorded)

