
Wilton - Jay Police Collaboration Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 7, 2025 - 6p -Wilton Town Office

Present: Terry Bergeron, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Lisa Bryant, Jennifer Lynch, Joseph Sage, David Leavitt, Amanda Lee, Keith Swett, Matthew Bickford, Ethan Kyes, Maria Greeley, Shiloh Lafreniere

Guests: Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Nathan Hiltz, Louise Hiltz, Alan Burke (Carrabassett dispatch)

Discussion with Monmouth/Winthrop Police Chief Paul Ferland

- Chief shared how the Winthrop Monmouth police department was working towards merging. Some key factors about the reasons behind the need to merge was the lack of personnel statewide and the stress put on the existing staff with shortages and overtime. He shared the feedback he has received had been positive from the residents.

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed & approved unanimously

Committee Discussion on how to disseminate information

- Any info will go to committee chair first, then disbursed to committee
- Host of each meeting will also set up information to be shared on screen for all to view
- Host Town Office will print agenda, minutes & any other material submitted to be reviewed or discussed
- Motion to approve - Passed unanimously


Review of Department Stats from Police Chiefs

- Outline and Overview of the make up of the staff and organizations as they are individually now. Included in the discussion both chiefs agreed either of them are comfortable working for the other if merger is the option. Based on the review both departments are similarly aligned from an asset and staffing standpoint with the exception of Jay SRO position

Other Biz - None

Next Steps/Action Items

- Committee will work on pros/cons for each department model as well as residents feedback
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- Collaboration
 - Merger
 - Sheriff Coverage
 - No Action
 - Shiloh to contact Franklin County Sheriff's Office for an estimate for coverage in the Town of Jay. Wilton already has an estimated cost of 1.2 million for their town
 - July 21st meeting will be brainstorming for one department

Public Comment/Questions

Motion made to adjourn meeting @ 8:21pm - Unanimous