Wilton - Jay Police Collaboration Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 9, 2025 - 10am - Jay 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: Alan Burke, Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Nathan Hiltz, Louise Hiltz

Introductions Of Committee Members

Town Managers: Shiloh LaFreniere-Jay Maria Greeley-Wilton Jay Selectpersons: Terry Bergeron, Lee Ann Dalessandro

Wilton Selectpersons: David Leavitt, Keith Swett

Police Chiefs: Joseph Sage, Ethan Kyes

Wilton Residents: Matthew Bickford, Amanda Lee

Jay Residents: Lisa Bryant, Jennifer Lynch

Review of Committee Objectives

The committee is tasked with gathering information to explore possible consolidation. Could the towns benefit by combining shared resources. No decision will be made by the committee.

Ask members to assist in gathering data and explore all aspects of what the committee suggested to compile. Keep open communications with the residents of our towns.

Elections of Officers

Motion made to elect Lee Ann Dalessandro as Chair and Amanda Lee as Secretary. Passed - unanimous

Initial Discussion

- Committee agreed to initially meet 1st and 3rd Monday evenings starting 7/7/25 then reevaluate frequency as process continues.
- Committee agreed the next meeting dates to be: July 7, 6pm at the Wilton town office and July 21 at 6pm at the Jay town office
- Location will alternate between the Jay & Wilton Town Offices
- Have meeting agenda's posted prior to upcoming meeting on town websites, email and Facebook pages as available.
- Meeting minutes will be made public via town website after committee approval.

Committee Discussion & Potential Available Resources

- Discussion on any other towns that have explored this option? Any resulted in success?
 Committee agreed we should reach out to other towns. Chief Kyes & Sage shared that Winthrop & Monmouth have started the process. The Police Chief in Winthrop/Monmouth is willing to speak to our committee. Lee Ann will reach out to invite them to attend a future meeting
- Dirigo Safety
- Municipal Resources
- LE organizations
- Accountants
- Legal
- Computer/ technology

Action Items

Chiefs to compile comparisons of existing departments for review at next meeting.List of department similarities and differences.

Public Comment/Questions

Motion made to adjourn meeting - Unanimous