

**Town of Randolph
Meeting Minutes
Police Services Committee (DRAFT)
October 24, 2023**



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2 ***This meeting was hybrid, with remote access provided via Zoom.**

3 ****This draft is intended for open meeting law compliance. A more detailed version may**
4 **replace the draft.**

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6 **Police Services Committee:** Judy Powell, Stephanie Tyler (via Zoom), Sheila Jacobs, Kristin
7 Chandler, Neil Richardson, and Joe Voci.

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9 **Municipal Staff:** Trevor Lashua, Town Manager, Scott Clouatre, Chief of Police.

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11 **Public Attendees:** Emile Fredette, VTC Public Safety, Jamie Wood, Shaw's.

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13 **Media:** ORCA Media
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15 **1. Call to Order**

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17 Trini called the meeting to order at 6:10.

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19 **2. Public Comment**

20 There was no public comment.
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22 **3. Approval of Agenda**

23 *Kristin moved to approve the agenda. Neil seconded. The motion passed 7-0.*
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25 **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

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27 **5. Business**

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29 **5.a. Invited Guests – VTC, Shaw's, and the Barn.**

30 Trini asked guests to tell the committee what they'd like and what they'd need for law
31 enforcement services. Additionally, what things might help that aren't law enforcement services?
32 Emile Fredette from VTC talked about the low attendance at VTC, but hoped that next year there
33 would be more students. The biggest fear up there would be an active shooter and they would
34 need a police officer. Kristin asked if they had ever called PD. He said 3-4 times a year. They
35 have had neighbors who have come on campus with weapons, a few break-ins at the nursing
36 home. He has noticed more mental health issues. The school does have student support with
37 counselors on the staff. And they work closely with Central Vermont Health. He said they take
38 safety very seriously and we have a great staff. VTC has a good relationship with Scott and
39 Randolph PD.

40 Jamie Wood from Shaw's Human Resources spoke next. When they call, both the Randolph PD
41 and State Police respond. She said she would prefer Randolph Pd. Response time varies. A lot of

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42 the issues they have happen at night. Sheila asked if they would be more comfortable if Shaw’s
43 was part of the district. Jamie said, yes. She also said that the police are called on a weekly basis.
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45 **5.b. Discuss Operating Options – Continued Budget Review.**

46 The committee discussed existing costs, future costs, and how to account for increases in all the
47 budgets. They also talked about the current district, a modified district, and a Town-wide police
48 force and how the number of personnel, equipment, and general needs are affected as the district
49 expands. The committee also discussed the inclusion of an embedded mental health provider,
50 Kristin talked about the different models around the State and explained that the mental health
51 worker would work for the mental health agency and not for the Town.
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53 The committee talked at length about the boundaries for a modified district, where and how to
54 draw the lines.
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56 **5.c. Overview of Process Requirements for the Options (voting, timing, etc.).**

57 The committee discussed that it will need an extension on its deadline and wants to hold at least
58 one public forum prior to finalizing its recommendations.
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60 **5.d. Discuss Final Report Drafting.**

61 There was no discussion at this time.
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63 **5.e. Review Benchmarking Exercise – Status Update.**

64 There were no updates at this time.
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66 **5.f. Discuss Research, Follow-Up, and Tasks for Next Meeting.**

67 Staff has homework.
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69 **6. Communications and Correspondence.**

70 There was none to report.
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72 **7. Adjournment**

73 *Kristin moved to adjourn. Sheila seconded. The motion passed 7-0.*
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75 **The next regularly scheduled meeting is on November 7, at 6:00 p.m.**
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