

Minutes of the Hopkinton Police Commission Meeting of 11/9/2023

The meeting was called to order at 3:45pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Det. Howard Mills, Geoff Cook and Phil Scalise.

Old Business: Review of the past month's activity:

Chief Palmer reported that there was an uptick of dui's this past month at 4; and zero overdoses, and zero suicide deaths, four mental health issues two of which were assists to suicidal subjects. One mental health call resulted in firearms being confiscated. Among other venue, our compassion dog team supported the Hope Valley Fire Dept. open house, and as usual was a great crowd pleaser.

Animal cases: There were 25 cases reported.

New Business:

The Axon taser 10's are still awaiting some new refill cartridges to make the dept 100% ready.

Employee retention: We have a part time employee currently filling in at the animal shelter, during some off hours, so we are holding off on a formal posting for a new part time position.

The minutes of 10/12/23 were reviewed. Det. Mills made a motion to accept them with minor edits, the motion was seconded by Geoff Cook and the motion carried.

In other new business, the group further discussed the Citizen Police Academy. It is a program for a specified number of weeks; admission is by registration only; and provides an agenda to educate residents on the tasks and services that the department provides the town. Det. Mills afforded the HPD an excellent framework for how Westerly conducts their program, and it will greatly help us to start our program up.

The 911 (flyers) announcement/advertising the new ordinance is to go out in this year's tax bill mailing, which means they will need to be ready to go in April. In the interim, the department will put the ad up on our HPD facebook page for maximum exposure.

Motion to adjourn at 4:52 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

Philip Scalise, Secretary,

Hopkinton Police Commission