Minutes of the Hopkinton Police Commission Meeting of 9/08/2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 pm. Present: Chief Palmer, Captain Carrier, Geoff Cook, Howie Mills, myself, and Bob Marvel. No parties acknowledged their presence on the provided conference line.

## Old Business:

## 1. Review of the past month's activity

Chief Palmer reported that there was a dedication of the" Maddie Potts Field house "which Captain Carrier attended. There was a \$50k fund available from the opioid settlement which Chief was checking on relative to allowed uses, like the potential use to fund our officer working at the FDA. In other business, the dept. is in the process of assessing cost and efficacy of an upgraded system which manages all training and certifications. Currently a system called PMAN is utilized. The newer, more user friendly system is called Power DMS, which is used by RIPAC, the body that sets certification requirements in RI.

On the monthly report, our department responded to 9 mental health issues, 1 suicide death, 3 drug overdoses where Narcan was administered (all survived); and 2 B+E arrests.

On 9/20 there will be a meeting with/presentation by Axon, the company that supplies and supports body cams and supporting systems. They will be doing a pilot program to showcase their products, have officers experience use of the products, and answer questions.

Chief met with the town council to formally request restitution for the patrol person that was hired by Charlestown. Councilor Marvel confirmed that the formal letter is with legal and will be sent when they are done with their review. Chief explained that no other department should hire another department's personnel until they have worked at that dept. for a minimum of three years.

## **New Business**

Councilor Marvel covered items from the Communications Committee regarding ways to disseminate information effectively to Hopkinton residents. He followed up that there the new website provided by "civic plus" which is working well, is very crisp, and like Westerly's is very user friendly. He noted that making notifications will be seamless, and information sharing is made easy.

Discussion of possible vendors and pricing for E911 numbers.

E911 now is still waiting on two supporting departments in town to send in their checks for support of the effort. No new information on status of the 911 number purchase. A quote from a local vendor was sent, and has to be reviewed. We will discuss next month.

The commission reviewed the minutes of 8/11/22. There was a motion to accept them as presented by Geoff Cookcand seconded by Howard Mills, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 pm by Geoff, seconded by Howard, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted for review

Phil Scalise (Lef )

**Hopkinton Police Commission**