

Ad Hoc Committee on Police Services
Thursday, April 14, 2016
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

Minutes - DRAFT

Members Present: Toni Moran, Steve Kegler, Bill Ryan

Other Council Members Present: Paul Shapiro, Virginia Raymond

Staff Present: Matt Hart, Maria Capriola

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

I. Public Comment

None

II. Approval of 3/10/16 Minutes

Ryan made the motion, seconded by Moran, to approve the minutes of 3/10/16. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Discussion of Police Services Options

The Committee debriefed its meetings with UCONN and the Public Safety Commissioner. The Committee also discussed public safety service delivery study and analysis options, particularly the following alternatives:

- District provided service by UCONN Police Department, remaining part of Town provided service by the Resident Trooper Program.
- District provided service by UCONN Police Department, remaining part of Town provided service by the City of Willimantic.
- District provided service by UCONN Police Department, remaining part of Town provided service by the Town of Coventry.

The Committee discussed the following ideas for a study (if needed):

- Evaluate the above mentioned three service delivery options; focus on cost analysis.
- Develop draft boundaries for each service district.
- Work on draft legislation
 - Clarification or expansion of UCONN Police Department's ability to provide police service to Mansfield
 - Ability for two or more towns to create a regional police agency.

IV. Discussion of Security Services in Storrs Center

The Town Manager expressed an interest in having a private security firm provide assistance with addressing nuisance behavior in Storrs Center for a pilot period through June 30, 2016. The security staff would not be armed, would not use force, and would not enforce ordinances. Coverage would be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Cost would be \$1,000 per week, funded with Storrs Center reserve money. Through consensus the Committee supported this pilot program. The Manager will implement the program the weekend of April 15th.

V. Next Steps

By consensus, the Committee has asked staff to explore costs, boundaries, etc. of a small Mansfield district with police services provided by the UCONN Police Department. The Committee has asked that a conversation with legislators begin re: legislation expanding the UCONN Police Department's ability to provide police service to Mansfield.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant Town Manager
Town of Mansfield