

Police Transition Committee

Minutes of 11/30/22 meeting called to order at 1730

In attendance Robert Yuchniuk, Lenny Bunnell, Mike Butterworth, Tiffany Williams, Ryan Spring

Opened with Pledge of allegiance

New Business

1. Select a chairperson

- Spring motions for Yuchniuk to be chairman of Transition committee, Bunnell 2nds motion, All in favor. 5-0-0

2. Select a secretary

- Williams motions for Spring to secretary of Transition committee, Butterworth 2nds motion, All in favor. 5-0-0

3. Pick a date for ceremony

- Spring makes motion for Saturday July 1st 2023 to be the date of the Transition ceremony. Butterworth adds for Saturday July 8th 2023 to be the back up date. Bunnell 2nds motion, All are in favor. 5-0-0

4. Location of ceremony

- Bunnell makes motion for Montville High School to be the site of the ceremony, with intent of having it indoors if enough room but also the possibility of the football field outdoors if need be. Butterworth 2nds. All are in favor. 5-0-0

5. Create a program

- Discussion on thoughts to create a program for the ceremony and who could print the programs. This discussion will be place in Old Business for future meeting.

6. Sell ads in program to local business's

- Regarding the proposal of selling ads on the program Yuckniuk makes motion to dismiss this idea, Williams 2nds, All are in favor. 5-0-0

7. Set budget for food and drinks. Catered? Food Trucks? Send to Council for funds

- Discussion of possible Food and Cake caterers. Butterworth makes motion that it should be a business from the town of Montville, Spring 2nds, all are in favor. 5-0-0
- Bunnell makes motion for \$2,000 budget. Discussion. Bunnell amends his motion to \$2,500. Williams 2nds, All are in favor. 5-0-0

8. Emerald Society Pipe & Drums

- Regarding the Emerald Society pipes and drums along with other possibilities such as Mystic pipes and drums. Discussion. Butterworth to check on interest and availability.

9. High school marching band

- Discussion regarding the Montville High School Marching band. Yuckniuk makes motion to table the band idea at 1805 hours. Possibility of having a singer or members from the High School chorus for National Anthem. Bunnell 2nds motion. All are in favor. 5-0-0

10. Honor guard

- Bunnell to contact local Police Departments for honor guards.

11. Fire truck with flag

- Butterworth to contact Montville's Fire Departments to check availability on who can attend.

12. Invite guest, local pd, state pd, governor, mayor, chief's family. Speeches

- Spring to have discussion with Montville Police Union on attendance and not being on the clock.
- Discussion on who should be invited to the ceremony. Government officials included Cathy Osten, Kevin Ryan, Kathleen McCarty, Dick Blumenthal, Marth Marx, Chris Murphy, Governor Ned Lamont, Lt. Governor Bysiewicz. Police chiefs of local Police departments included Groton Town, Groton City, Groton Long Point, Stonington, Ledyard, Waterford, East Lyme, Norwich, Troop E barracks commander, Mohegan Tribal, Mashantucket Foxwoods and the Warden of Corrigan Correction Institution. Norwich Chaplains to be invited as well as the mayor of Montville.
- Spring to check with LT. Radford about MC'ing the event.
- Yuckniuk to check with Finklestein to be a speaker at the event.
Discussion on who speakers will be. Bunnell makes motion for no political speakers with the exception of the town mayor or Governor. Spring 2nds motion, all are in favor. 5-0-0

13. Badge pinning ceremony-town clerk to swear in?

- Discussion on badge pinning ceremony. Williams to check with town clerk Katie availability.

14. Choose when and how often to meet

- Discussion on future meetings. Bunnell makes motion for meetings on Tuesday December 13th at 1800 hours and Wednesday December 28th at 1800 hours. Yuckniuk 2nds motion. All are in favor.

Comments to Committee Members:

- Yuckniuk to do next agenda by next meeting on the 13th and speak to Finklestein about interest in ceremony. Check into Montville High School.
- Bunnell to speak to Lt. Creutz of Ledyard PD for his assistance in ceremony and to check on local honor guards availability.
- Williams to speak with town clerk and further with programs and invitations
- Butterworth to check availability of Town Fire Departments, Food caterers, Bag pipes and drums.
- Spring to type minutes from meeting and forward to committee and town clerk and to check with Lt Radford and Police Union.

At 1836 hours Yuckniuk makes motion to adjourn, Bunnell 2nds, all are in favor.

Recording Secretary

Ryan Spring