

Central Vermont Public Safety Authority
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Building
March 17, 2016
Meeting Minutes – Draft

Directors present: Kim Cheney and Alexandra Pastor, at-large directors; Dona Bate (6:44) and Tom Golonka representing the City of Montpelier; Michael Smith representing Barre City.

Directors absent: Doug Hoyt, at-large director, Martin Prevost representing Barre City.

Others attending: Joe Aldsworth; Paco Aumand, CVPSA Executive Director; Bob Sager, CVPSA Board Treasurer.

The meeting was opened by Tom at 6:35pm.

A motion to approve the agenda, as presented, was made by Michael, seconded by Kim. **Motion passed.**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 3rd meeting was made by Alexandra, seconded by Kim. **Motion passed.**

Paco went over the Executive Director's report including: update on the website and assigning a Board website administrator; update on the possibility of grant funding through the state; the possibility of a Smart Policing Grant through the Crime Research Group; a meeting with Ture Nelson, Berlin Town Select board Chair, regarding the activities of the CVPSA; work on an inter-municipal agreement between Barre and Montpelier; update on the financial status of the Authority; meeting with the 911 Board regarding the communications center and; the possibility of doing a time/motion study around dispatching.

The Board had a discussion regarding developing a public safety survey to be given to both residents and current public safety employees. A previous study (from the public safety committee) may be available for review. The Board discussed further the objective of the study and the importance of the wording of questions.

The Board had a brief review of the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and, Threats) analysis that was held at the previous meeting. The review led to a general discussion of where the Board was headed including: the status of current union contracts as they relate to the Authority; the need to have the respective Councils cede authority for dispatching to the Authority; the language of the inter-municipal agreement; discussion of full or partial consolidation and; the creation of a unified management structure for FY19.

The Board decided to further discuss the specific language of the inter-municipal agreement that would allow the Board to assume responsibility for dispatching beginning in FY18.

A motion to find that the premature general public knowledge of the language of this agreement would clearly put the Authority at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public was made by Michael, seconded by Alexandra. **Motion passed.**

A motion to go into executive session under the provisions of 1 VSA section 313 to discuss the specific language of the inter-municipal agreement between Barre City and Montpelier for the ceding of authority for public safety dispatching services to the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority and to invite the Board Treasurer, Bob Sager, was made by Alexandra, seconded by Kim. **Motion passed. The Board went into executive session at 7:55.**

Alexandra took over as chairperson when Tom left at 8:14pm.

A motion to come out of executive session was made by Dona, seconded by Michael. **Motion passed. The Board came out of executive session at 8:17pm. No action was taken.**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kim, seconded by Michael. **The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,
Michael Smith
CVPSA Secretary

The Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority will be held April 7th, 6:30pm at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce Building.