
SOUTHOLD JUSTICE REVIEW & REFORM TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEETING

10/12/2020

6:00PM-8:00PM VIA ZOOM

Facilitator: Carolyn
Peabody

Note Taker: Julia Fetter

Attendees:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Carolyn Peabody2. Paul Pallas3. Jack Slattery4. Alison Beyers5. Anne Smith6. Stephen Kiely7. Margaret Cowden8. Martin Flatley9. Bob Knuts	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Brian Mealy11. Liz Gillooly12. Laura Held13. Valerie Shelby14. Jeremy Schwartz15. Sonia Spar16. Reverend Wimberly17. Julia Fetter
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Excused:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jack Martilotta2. Brian Hughes
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Guests:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. George Summers2. Lynn Summers3. Sally E.4. Tara Smith- Suffolk Times
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MINUTES

WELCOME

- Margaret Cowden proposed the use of the hand raise feature on Zoom to participate and the group agreed
- Minutes accepted by all
- Carolyn informed the group that Jim Dinizio Resigned from the task force

MEETING WITH TOWN SUPERVISOR & ATTORNEY: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN PEABODY

- Carolyn, Stephen, Liz, and Reverend Wimberly met with the Town Attorney and Supervisor to discuss questions that were presented in our last general meeting and received some answers.
 - **Make-up of the task force**: It was agreed that it is not feasible nor necessary as per the Guidance to have every stakeholder serve on the Task Force, but we will be consulting everyone that is mandated by the guidance, as they are needed
 - **Social Media & Website**: We are considered a town committee, but we are independent so we will set up our own social media accounts as well as our own website. Each post does not need to be approved by the Town Attorney. However, he is available for feedback if we have questions.
 - **Scheduling**: Since we are still a town group, we need to send the town clerk all over our scheduled meetings a month at a time so there is time to get them all posted in the paper
 - **Press Releases**: We are in a position where we can issue press releases on our own without assistance from the town, but they are there if it is necessary to utilize them
 - **Town Committee Status**: Since minutes need to be posted from all meetings, subcommittee reports will be presented in each general meeting, and will be taken down in the minutes. That way all committee updates will be in one set of minutes.
 - There were questions about whether or not the minutes need to be verbatim, but that is still unclear so Stephen will be checking for clarification on that.
 - **Police Policies**: We requested the police policies be sent to the group for everyone to review, Chief Flatley said he sent over 7 out of the 82 policies that are most relevant to what we are doing.
 - Multiple members would like a list of the other policies that exist so we can request which ones would be most beneficial to review. The chief agreed to send that to the group
 - Carolyn expressed that she was concerned that there are policies and procedures that don't directly appear to be relevant but may have implications for police community interactions. Other Task Force members agreed.
 - **Lexipol/Accreditation**: Chief Flatley informed the group that Police policies need to be updated for the accreditation process and the hope is that Lexipol will be helpful in this process.

-Chief Flatley also stated that Lexipol will be directly communicating with the town, Reverend Wimberly clarified that at the meeting with the Town Supervisor and Attorney, it was mentioned that there would be some communication between the 2 groups and the other members agreed that that was said.

-The Chief offered that it was his understanding that Lexipol would communicate directly with the Town and that the Task Force would not be communicating with Lexipol.

-Anne suggested that Lexipol could be asked to prioritize policies that our Task Force is focused on since the entire Lexipol process will take 6 months-1 year which extends beyond our April 1st deadline.

<u>Action Item:</u> Find out if the minutes need to be verbatim, or if we can continue as we have been	<u>By Whom:</u> Stephen Kiely	<u>Due Date:</u> Before 10/19 meeting
Send over a list of the names of the remaining policies	Chief Flatley	
Clarification of relationship between Lexipol and the Task Force should be sought	The Steering Committee	

BUDGET REPORT: PRESENTED BY LIZ

- Liz will share the proposed budget via email so the group can give feedback

<u>Action Item:</u> Liz will disseminate the draft budget to the Task Force Members	<u>By Whom:</u> Liz	<u>Due Date:</u> 10/19/20
Provide feedback on proposed budget	All members	10/19/20

MISSION/VISION: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- Julia will collaborate with Anne to review the document with everyone's proposed missions and create our mission statement

<u>Action Item:</u> Create mission	<u>By Whom:</u> Julia & Anne	<u>Due Date:</u> ASAP
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WORK GROUPS: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- All members were assigned to work groups based on the surveys they took. Each work group spent 30 minutes in breakout rooms to have initial discussions and schedule their upcoming meetings. Overall, this was successful.

TRAININGS: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- We will start looking into potential training opportunities for the entire task force by an outside source to assist with our process. Some ideas mentioned were:
 - Anti-Bias Task Force: They would likely cover the costs if they present
 - Erase Racism
 - Fred Brewington (Civil Rights Attorney)
- The steering committee will be discussing this further

<u>Action Item:</u> Get a prospectus from the potential trainers	<u>By Whom:</u> The Steering Committee	<u>Due Date:</u>
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PRESS CONFERENCE: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- Proposed date for the conference is 10/26 at 3:00PM
- Carolyn will talk to the press about how and where to hold the conference while adhering to COVID standards
- Potential location for the press conference: Silver Smiths Corner at the Gazebo

<u>Action Item:</u> Talk to the press about the details of the conference with regards to COVID	<u>By Whom:</u> Carolyn	<u>Due Date:</u> ASAP
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NOT ON THE AGENDA

- The steering committee will discuss the role of outside participants in the general meetings and subcommittee meetings, and what their level of participation will be.