Sherborn Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2019

Attendees:   Michael Goldstein - Chairman
            Neil McPherson - Secretary
            Richard Thompson – Police Chief
            David Bento – Police Lt.
            Chris Canney – Building Inspector
            Sean Killeen – CMD
            Bradlee Van Brunt – Chairman Traffic Safety Committee
            Marianne Nuetra – Planning Board
            Charlie Blaney – Resident

Meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Motion:    To accept meeting minutes from January 23, 2019. The motion was seconded and a unanimous vote was made to approve as written.

Master Plan Discussion

Marianne Nuetra from the Planning Board was present to discuss the Sherborn Master Plan.

She stated that the Master Plan has been completed and published. Copies were handed out to members. She asked that if someone receives a copy and they leave the committee, that the copy of the plan be passed along to new members.

She referred members to the implementation table at the back of the Master Plan. This table identifies what organizations are responsible for implementing the elements of the plan. She stated that the PSC had minimal roles in the implementation of the Master Plan.

She mentioned that the PSC annual report should include any accomplishments that were made as part of the Master Plan. The Planning Board plans on visiting each of the committees with implementation table items to review progress.

Chairman Goldstein thanked the Planning Board for including this committee in this process.

Impact of Residential Development on Public Safety

There was a conversation about new developments within the community and their potential impact on public safety. Chris Canney provided updates on numerous projects:

- Fields on Washington Street – 32 units – Some of the units may be completed in 3-4 months.
- 59 North Main Street – 12 single family homes/7 of 12 have been permitted
- Coolidge Street – Construction has not yet begun
The Chairman stated that we need to consider the impact of these projects on public safety, and to be proactive in addressing these needs.

**Pine Hill Safety**

There was a discussion about the Pine Hill emergency access road. It was mentioned that Dr. Keough needs to address the parking areas.

Chief Thompson stated that a yearly lockdown drill is completed each year at Pine Hill.

There was a question raised about training relative to a mass casualty events. It was agreed that there was value in the town holding a table top exercise for a mass casualty type event. Chief Thompson agreed to forward this recommendation to the LEPC committee.

**New Business**

**Staffing for fire and Police**

Chief Thompson stated that staffing is a challenging issue in the town of Sherborn for his department. He stated that they were in the process of finding a vendor to complete a staffing analysis. He stated that they had compiled the data and were looking to figure out the cost of the project via an RFP. He also stated that they wanted an outside vendor to complete the analysis and that it would be complicated.

Neil McPherson stated that this committee should serve as an advocate for the public safety entities by learning about their needs, understanding the studies and evaluate conclusions.

There was a brief discussion about the fire department staffing. An in-depth conversation was not held given that the Fire Chief was not present.

There was also a discussion about the parking on Village Way. There was a concern that cars were being parked to close to the intersection which was creating safety and access issues. It was recommended that NO Parking be allowed within 25 feet of the intersection on both sides of the road.

**Committee Reports**

Police – The Police have partnered with DS cable to promote community awareness. They will be developing spots on cable tv where they will respond to questions and provide crime prevention advice.

The next meeting date will be June 25, 2019 @7:00 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved at 8:35 p.m. to conclude the meeting.