

Meeting Minutes for Regional Police Department Feasibility Study

Bath, Lisbon and Lyman

7th Meeting 12-7-23 at Lyman Town Hall

Members Present:

Bath: Greg Jellison, Chief Todd Eck

Lisbon: Arthur Boutin, Chief Ben Bailey

Lyman: Bruce Beane, Greg Harville

Public: Mr. Karl Shallberg, Bath

Meeting began at 1900 hours at the Lyman Town Hall.

Members present received a meeting agenda.

Prior meeting minutes were not available. Upon motion made and duly 2nd, approval of the November 17, 2023 meeting minutes was postponed until the December 21, 2023 meeting.

Continued the discussion about the regional police department budget. After completing the discussion and upon motion made and duly 2nd, a budget in the amount of \$1,601,388 was unanimously approved.

Reviewed current draft of the committee report. Printed copies of the draft were distributed to committee members. Discussed the executive summary, several charts and other key points in the report, and the conclusions and recommendations section. Upon motion made and duly 2nd, the committee agreed to independently review and comment on the report by Friday, December 15, 2023.

Discussed the plan to finalize the committee's work. Beginning after the resident survey window closes (on December 15, 2023) the results of each towns resident surveys will be collated and entered into section 14 of the committee report, the report will be revised based on committee member feedback, and a proposed final draft will be circulated to the committee on or about December 19, 2023.

The plan for the December 21, 2023 committee meeting is to approve the report and disband the committee. Original copies of the committee report will be promptly distributed to the participating towns. Within a reasonable period of time, reference data used by the committee will be distributed, in electronic format, to each town.

The committee opened the floor for public participation. Mr. Shallberg asked how a regional police department would "solve" or "fix" problems with the current law enforcement situation. He recommended that the report include a qualitative statement describing what service residents would get by making an investment to create a regional police department. He also recommended a revision to the conclusions and recommendations in the draft committee report. The committee closed the public comments.

Next meeting set for December 21, 2023 at the Lisbon Fire Department at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Arthur Boutin at 2100 hours 2nd G. Jellison. All in favor.