

Yarmouth Police Services Advisory Committee  
 Minutes of Meeting  
 February 20, 2024, 4:30 p.m.  
 Town Hall Community Room

Name	Status	Term ends	Present	
			In person	Remote
[Vacancy]	Voting member	2024		
Mary Lynn Engel	Co-chair	2024	X	
Jamie Orenstein	Voting member	2025	X	
Mary Lou Michael	Voting member	2025	X	
Susan Hall Dreher	Voting member	2025		
Katrina Meade	Co-chair	2026	X	
Jennifer Willard	Voting member	2026	X	
Chief Dan Gallant	Non-voting member (YPD)	2024	X	
Wiley Schumacher	Non-voting member (YHS)	2024	X	
Zoe Wolf	Town Counsel Liaison	2024		X

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes:

By a vote of 4-0 (with one member who not did not attend the last meeting not voting), the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2024.

2. Election of Officers:

By a vote of 5-0, Mary Lynn Engel and Katrina Meade were elected to serve as Committee Co-chairs for 2024, and Jamie Orenstein was elected to serve as Committee Secretary.

3. Committee emails:

Members briefly discussed standardizing formatting conventions for emails to ensure retrievability and clarity.

4. Introductions:

Councilor Wolf joined the meeting remotely and members introduced themselves to her.

5. Remote access for Committee meetings:

The Committee voted 5-0 to table until next month's meeting a vote on a proposed Remote Participation Policy, to allow advance public notice that that policy would be on the agenda.

6. Vacancies:

There remain vacancies for one voting member and one non-voting student member. Councilor Wolf reported that the Nominations Committee has not yet received any applications for the vacancy for the voting member position. Wiley Schumacher is continuing efforts to recruit a non-voting member from Yarmouth High School.

7. Underage drinking policy:

Chief Gallant provided a briefing on the work of the subcommittee (including himself, Mary Lou Michael, Jamie Orenstein, and Wiley Schumacher). The subcommittee anticipates having a final product for the Committee's review at the next meeting. Once the policy has been finalized and adopted by YPD, the Committee will make a report to the Town Council. Members discussed how the policy will be implemented, how officers will receive training on it, and how its effectiveness will be tracked over time.

8. Future Committee work:

Members discussed potential directions for the Committee's work going forward. Rather than proceeding immediately with survey-based research into community concerns, in advance of the next meeting, Members will identify specific issues of interest that they would like to take the lead in working on. The discussion included recognition that the Committee should not focus exclusively on the specific issues of interest to members at the expense of other issues of interest to the Yarmouth community. Members also discussed the importance, in identifying such areas of interest, to be specific in identifying the goal, such as to learn particular information or to accomplish an achievable goal rather than simply to discuss a broad area of concern.

9. Next meeting:

March 19, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Town Hall Community Room.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.