The Public Safety Committee met Monday, 11 March 2019 beginning shortly after 10:00 am at the conference room at Town Hall. Committee Chair John Gregg was joined by Committee members Allan Keener, Ed Maher and Rob Savin. Town Councilman Skip Crane and Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended the meeting. An agenda for the meeting is attached.

1. Minutes of 11 February Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting of 11 February were approved as presented.

2. Disaster Recovery Council Action Items (Volunteer “Sign-up”, Winter Storm Preparedness article and handout)

The Committee was invited to comment to Mr. Gregg concerning the revision of the volunteer “sign-up form” that had been provided by Mr. Crane. The Committee was invited to review and comment in respect of the winter storm preparedness article in contemplation of publication nearer in time to the onset of winter weather in 2019.

3. CEP Proposed 2019 Updates

The Committee continued review of draft revisions of the CEP with reference to a table of recommended revisions compiled from DRC sessions held during 2018 and the DRC January training and exercise sessions. The Committee recommended and/or concluded the following:

a) Checklists for use of Town Officials should be available from the Town’s website in a “fillable” form;
b) In consideration of recommended conservation of fuel, the availability of fuel from DRC organizations should be documented in the CEP lists of emergency supplies and access to those fuel supplies should be arranged for emergency response;
c) In consideration of solicitation by the Town of volunteers for emergency response, the Town will need to be prepared to address issues of liability of the Town and of the volunteers for their acts and omissions;
d) For the sake of having the greatest number of Town Officials available during evacuation, it is believed that all Town Officials should evacuate to the same initial location, subject to their presence within the community at the time of evacuation;
e) The Utility Commission emergency response plan has certain out-of-date references that should be corrected.

Mr. Gregg asked the Committee to continue to review both the proposed revisions to the CEP and the compilation of “action items” for the on-going effort to update the CEP.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 10:00 am on Monday, 8 April 2019.

5. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at about 11:40 am.
MEETING

Public Safety Committee

11 March 2019 at 10:00 am at Town Hall (Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. Minutes from 11 February 2019 meeting

2. Disaster Recovery Council Action Items (Volunteer “Sign-up”; Winter Storm Preparedness Article & Handout)

3. CEP Proposed 2019 Updates (Table from “Improvement Plans” and CEP mark-up)

4. Next Meeting

5. Adjourn