

Corinth Law Enforcement Study Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2023
6:30 PM

Attending: Catherine Haley, Mike Tkac, Chris Diaz, Jon Saken Kenya Lazuli,
Jeff Spiegel

Not present: Laura Redmond, Ken Schaffer

1. Members introduced themselves and stated why they agreed to serve on this committee.
2. The committee voted to have Jeff Spiegel facilitate our meetings.
3. The committee voted to have Sandy Spiegel be our meeting notetaker.
4. The committee voted on the following statement of purpose:

*“Our goal is to recommend 3 cost effective
and sustainable proposals to the select
board that facilitate the safety and well-
being for all Corinth residents.”*

5. The committee decided not to add new members at this time and reserved consideration of additional members if desired at a later date.
6. Cathi Haley reported on her work as Town Safety Officer. At the beginning of the year she received requests from some residents for assistance and services they could not afford. Cathi referred them to other agencies. She's had no requests from residents for the last 6 months. She was informed at this meeting that the fire department can provide emergency housing and showers.
7. Chris Diaz reported on various incidents in which he was involved in the last year. These included underage drinking, neighbor conflicts, ATV traffic, animal control, geriatric health issues, domestic abuse. Chris declined the offer to attend state police academy training. The amount of time and expense were prohibitive.
7. Jeff reviewed the report from *Safeline's* services to Corinth residents the last 2 years. OCS was not involved in any of those cases.
9. Jeff reported on his conversation with captain of OCS. Since our town budgeted \$9,500 for policing for 2024, OCS would provide 3 hours per week for coverage. The captain said that towns contracting for so few hours could possibly be dropped by OCS.
10. There was discussion regarding the difference in responsibilities between a constable state police officer. Constables handle civil issues, state police address criminal incidents.
11. Following our gallery walk brainstorming, the committee agreed on the following:
 - A. No longer contract with OCS/call VSP for emergencies;
 - B. Increase the town constable's time for more visibility and patrolling and raise his compensation to cover personal costs for auto use and maintenance and other expenses;
 - C. Look into collaborating with others towns for police coverage;
 - D. Submit with our 3 proposals, a recommendation for an annual increase in funds for *Safeline*.
12. Jeff agreed to contact the towns of Topsham, Bradford, Newbury, Washington, Randolph and Chelsea about their enforcement services and if they were interested in cost and coverage sharing with Corinth.

13. Jeff will contact Laura Redmond to determine if she is still interested in serving on the committee. Mike will try to contact Ken Schaffer to determine the same.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:30 PM at the Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Spiegel