

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Town of Bath Public Safety Committee Agenda
February 18, 2026, at 3:00pm
Town of Bath Municipal Center

- I. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Schene @ 3:00pm
- II. Members in attendance:
 - Chief R. Gardner
 - Commissioner Greg Schene
 - Recorder Susan Webster
 - Councilwoman Elizabeth Skinner (via telephone)
 - Admin Sandra Venuto
- III. Additional Attendees – Patrolman Joshua Stangle
- IV. Quorum – Yes
- V. Approval of Minutes from January meeting – Approved by Common Consent
- VI. Meeting Items covered this week:
 - A. Overview of past items:
 - B. New items:
 1. The committee discussed the stats for the police department for January 2026, Nothing of note.
 2. The Chief gave an update on the survey that is being done on the Town Hall Property and the Community Garden Property. The first half is done with the second half being done week of February 23rd, 2026. Chief will be taking photographs of the property line stakes and taking due action afterwards.
 3. Parking Enforcement pay was discussed with the matter being resolved beforehand, matter is closed.
 4. Parking Enforcement dress code was discussed. The new dress code will be baby blue shirts and khaki pants with the black parking enforcement hat. The black coats for the Parking Enforcement Officers are acceptable.
 5. EPEC April Awareness was on the agenda to be discussed. Matter was accepted at town council meeting, and it is closed. Admin reached out to EPEC and let know of the stipulations for the ribbons on the meters.
 - C. Other PD Miscellaneous Issues:
 1. Frank will be sworn in as a Parking Enforcement Officer. Admin will be looking into a certificate and swearing in form.
 2. Training for the officers was discussed with an upcoming Evidence Room training course for both officers already scheduled.

3. Grant Opportunities was discussed for the purchase of the new vehicle which is needed for the department. Recorder Webster brought up Capon Bridge and the vehicle(s) that they are getting for assisting ICE and the opportunities there. It was also brought up the Region 9 is working on grants, and Councilwoman Hickey sits on the board of Region 9. Chief Gardner gave paperwork for current pricing of a new Ford Explorer vehicle which will cost \$69,000 estimated and includes all lights and working parts. Mayor Greg stated that he will reach out to Region 9 before next meeting for an update on where things stand. This issue will be placed on the next agenda.
4. Comp Time was discussed for hourly employees by Chief Gardner with the payout and end of employment. This issue will be placed on the next agenda.
5. Proper numbers on each house and apartment was also brought up by Patrolman Stangle. This issue will be placed on the next agenda.

VII. Adjourned at 4:00pm.