

**The Police – Citizens Advisory Committee**

April 12, 2005

Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: City Marshal Thomas Howard, Joyce Crosby, Ellen Canavan, Ann Burnham

During a discussion on police overtime costs and the overall police budget it was suggested to research the current breakdown of the overall city budget. Using this current information to compare it to five and ten years ago to see how or if the breakdown percentages have changed.

The members present discussed the low attendance by committee members in recent months. It was suggested that there be some discussion with all members to ensure that their availability has not changed allowing them to continue to be involved.

The committee approved drafting a letter for other members to review and hopefully sign in support of the police operating budget.

The committee discussed drafting a letter to explain and defend the purpose of the Citizens advisory Committee in response to a recent letter to the editor. A draft of the letter will be sent to all members for their input before acting on it.

Committee member found an interesting police website with information that Newburyport Police could develop and use on their webpage. This information will be passed on to the person in charge of maintaining the department's webpage to see if it could be used.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2005 at 7:00pm at the police station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Howard

Committee held off on approving the minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting because Ann Lagasse, secretary, was unable to attend.

