

**Lamoille County Sheriff's Department
Budget Committee
May 12, 2016 Minutes**

Present: Roger Audet, Town of Hyde Park; Duncan Hasting & Nat Kinney, Town of Johnson;
Bessie Martin, Wolcott Selectboard
Absent: Belinda Clegg, Wolcott Selectboard
Staff: Ron Rodjenski, Hyde Park Town Administrator; Capt. Eben Merrill; Sgt. Chris
Watson; Sheriff Roger Marcoux

Meeting opened by Roger Marcoux at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome and Agenda Review - No agenda changes.

Sheriff Report – Sheriff Marcoux explained that his department, in particular his time, is being directed to the county-wide opiate addiction, with regular family meetings and calls for assistance to address the negative impacts on the individual, family members and the community. Sheriff Marcoux invited everyone to a community meeting on this issue he is planning for at the Green Mountain Technical Career Center on Wednesday, June 29th.

LCSD Budget – Sheriff Marcoux recommended that the only way he can foresee for the towns to manage the increased costs for patrol services would be to gain new towns to help share in the costs, such as Eden or Elmore. Cambridge now has a new State Police outpost, so they are going to benefit from their presence and most likely would not agree to join a multi-town contract. Roger also noted that police departments are moving to having at least 2 officers on patrol each shift, which will increase costs. The detective position is spending about 90% of his time on family and abuse cases reducing the amount of time available to work on closing other open cases, such as burglar cases. Roger is looking at the time spent at the Laraway School in Johnson to see if their annual \$12,000 contribution to LCSD should be revisited. Ron suggested that if current funding resources are accounted for and the communities want to see more directed patrols; such as foot patrols, business contacts and speed control details, could the community be asked for an additional specific amount each year to achieve those objectives. Roger thought it could be looked at, the same way state grants for DUI details are now managed.

New GPS / GIS Tracking System – Sgt. Watson provided an overview of the real-time GPS tracking software that was recently installed on the 10 patrol cars. The large display screens in the dispatch room or the meeting room show, on a aerial image of the three towns, the location and activity of each cruiser, with the speed, time of day and location recorded for playback at any time. The software is Fleetmatics Reveal and costs \$35 per month per car. The committee asked Roger to meet again in June to view some of the statistical information that the program can provide, possibly as a way to average the demand/costs from each town to better determine the taxpayer share.

Site Visit at New Outpost – the former Allie Ring parcel across from Sheriff's Department. The group walked into the parcel and viewed the work being done for a repair shop, evidence room and plans to clean up the property.

Next Meeting: The committee agreed to meet on Thursday, June 16th at noon in Hyde Park at LCSD.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.