

**Newington Committee on Community Safety
January 21, 2010 Summary**

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm

- Tim Manke chaired the meeting.

Present: Sheryl Werner, Tim Manke, Dave Tompkins, Bernie Feeney, Phyllis DiCara, Dan Cronin

Absent: Chris Ganzer, Tammy Linteau

Also attending: Sgt. Jason Saccente, Police Dept., Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services

2. Public Participation – None

3. PowerPoint Presentation

- Dave Tompkins presented the Committee's PowerPoint presentation that has been used with various groups including AARP, PACs, PTAs etc. The presentation offers an overview and background of the Committee including its purpose, composition and what has been accomplished since 2008.
- The members also discussed the 2007 Health District Report on Violence and Vandalism, the March 2001 Citizen Survey of Newington Town Services, Juvenile Review Board and the Asset Development Model.
- Dave Tompkins reported that the previous Committee requested surveying all middle and high school student using the asset survey (about 45 minutes). They met with the Superintendent who explained that the school could not spare the instructional time.
- New members requested a copy of the Citizen Survey and previous Short-Term Recommendations be sent to them.

4. Discussion of Committee Recommendations

- Members reviewed the two recommendations from December. The first is to survey citizens around safety concerns. The second is to hold two community forums a year so residents can attend. It was also suggested that appropriate town departments attend so they would be available to answer questions and provide information about services.
- It was decided the Committee would finalize the recommendations at the next meeting after the new members have an opportunity to review. If acceptable the recommendations would be forwarded to the Town Council.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Tim Manke was elected as Chair and Dave Tompkins was elected as Vice Chair. Both unanimously.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm



Respectfully Submitted: Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services

Next Meeting: February 18, 2010 7pm