

B-31-16 WED

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

5:30 -

DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM

AND ANNAIRE DAVIS, KARSON, HURPHY,  
TOMMOLA, DEYON, ETTORI, ROBERTSON, NATE  
ALSO CHIEF KIRKULLEN, COLMAN DE ROUSE,  
AND ADAM FEDERMAN, V. DIGGER

~~AGENDA~~ DISCUSSION WITH PUTLAND CITY POLICE  
REGARDING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC SAFETY  
CONCERNS WITH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.

THE CHAIR OPENED THE DISCUSSION  
WITH AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT WAS  
THE GOAL OF THE MEETING. THE  
HOPE WAS TO DEBATE THE PREPARATIONS  
AND DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN  
HELD WITHIN THE R.P.D., THE BIGGEST  
NUDDLE THEY FORESEE, AND ALSO  
FIND OUT ABOUT CHIEF KIRKULLEN  
EXPERIENCES WITH IMMIGRANT AND  
REFUGEE POPULATIONS AT HIS PREVIOUS  
JOB AS CHIEF IN SCHENECTADY, NY.

THE CHIEF EXPLAINED THEY HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS INTERNALLY ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE AS CHALLENGES. THE CHIEF SAID THE LANGUAGE BARRIER IS SEEN AS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE, ALTHOUGH NOT LIKE THE POLICE SEE ON AN OCCASIONAL BASIS CURRENTLY. DISCUSSIONS HAVE OCCURRED WITH THE CITY OF WINDOSKI, WHO HAVE CONTRACTED WITH A SERVICE THAT PROVIDES INTERPRETIVE SERVICES VIA PHONE FOR COMMUNICATION IN NON PUBLIC SAFETY INTERACTIONS.

THE CITY OF WINDOSKI SPENDS APPROX 5,000/yr FOR THIS SERVICE, AND HAVE 100 OR MORE RESETTLED FOLKS IN THE CITY.

THE CHIEF SEES NO PARTICULAR ISSUE REGARDING INCREASED CRIME DUE TO RESETTLEMENT

VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND AREAS OF CONCERN WERE RAISED BY THE ATTENDEES

- Syrian Culture vs American Culture WITH REGARDS TO GENDER.
- POSSIBILITY OF CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING FOR NEWLY RESETTLED FOLKS
- STAFFING AT RPD, AND HOW THAT LOOKS GOING FORWARD, AND HOW THAT WOULD AFFECT POLICE INTERACTION W/ RESETTLED FOLKS

THE ISSUE OF COMMUNICATION FROM  
RFD TO OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES,  
SUCH AS Vt. STATE POLICE AND ADJ.  
COUNTY SHERIFFS

THE CHIEF TALKED ABOUT WHAT-  
AROUND SERVICES THAT WERE PROVIDED  
FOR IMMIGRANTS + REFUGEES IN  
SCHOONARD

COMMANDER REEDY EXPLAINED THE RFD  
PLANS TO INTERACT WITH THE REFUGEES  
ON A PRO-ACTIVE BASIS, TO CREATE  
POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND TO HELP  
CASE WITH ASSIMILATION INTO THE  
COMMUNITY.

AFTER SEVERAL MORE QUESTIONS  
THE COMMITTEE SEEMED SATISFIED  
THE RFD HAS BEEN PREPARING  
FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, AND  
IF INDEED THIS GOES FORWARD  
A PLAN IS IN PLACE FOR ANY CONCERNS  
THAT MAY ARISE, AS BEST THEY CAN

THIS REPORT IS FOR INFORMATION  
ONLY.

NO MOTIONS WERE MADE.

CHAIR → DAVE ALWARD