

CIMS Camera Committee Meeting

August 5, 2014

In Attendance:

- CIMS Committee: Susan Howards, Ian Polumbaum, Jack Corrigan and Sam Scott
- BPD Personnel: Chief O'Leary and Casey Hatchett
- Town Staff: Melissa Goff

Meeting opened at 6:02pm with the approval of minutes from the last meeting. Chief then presented the 2014 Mid-Year Report on Camera Use. This report covered January 1st – June 30th, looking at on-hour incidents (10pm-6am), overrides of the system and incidents missed during off hours. The report, with all specifics, is attached. Chief O'Leary highlighted the use of the cameras in a couple of cases, specifically a bank robbery in Washington Square and the Boston Marathon. Chief O'Leary then discussed the overrides of the system, specifically the time period before/after the Marathon. Chief O'Leary discussed the series of bank robberies that have occurred by the same suspect and the use of the cameras in those cases. Committee members asked several questions regarding specific cases and camera footage obtained, overrides and court case outcomes.

Ian reported that the Secretary of State has not clarified if there is a retention period for License Plate Readers. Ian also reported that Town Counsel has not yet clarified the retention period question posed.

Chief O'Leary reported that the company that made the covers for the cameras is no longer in business and there are 2 out of 11 that are no longer functional.

Susan Howards asked Chief O'Leary if he had plans to approach the Board of Selectmen re: expanding to 24 hours of use for the cameras. Chief O'Leary reported he had no plans at that time to do so and if he did, he would meet with Mr. Kleckner beforehand. The CIMS Committee then voted to renew their request for 24 hour use and 30 day retention period. Jack Corrigan commented that he feels the cameras are being underutilized, specifically for cases like the runaway. Ian agreed, stating that car crashes is also problematic for the person not at fault.

The Committee then voted unanimously to accept the Chief's report.

Chief O'Leary then reported that the ALPRs have not been deployed. Officers have been trained and he hopes to deploy after the start of the new school year. Ian asked the retention period for the ALPRs and Chief O'Leary reported that it is 14 days and he is comfortable with that length.

The Board discussed the 14 day retention period and whether or not there is need for a longer period to allow for defense and prosecutors to obtain necessary information before it is overwritten.

Susan made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm, voted unanimously.