

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
ROOM #318
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Members: Chairman Gross & Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino

Thursday **6:30p.m.** **May 7, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Chairman Roger Gross. He requested that Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Gouldman and Chairman Gross were present. Legislator Nacerino was absent.

Item #3 - Approval/Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes/April 9, 2015

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Chair Gross stated there will be a change in the order of the agenda items. He stated he would be starting the meeting by addressing Item #5 **Update/Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB)-Chairman Eric Gross**. He stated that he did speak with the representatives that are present to address Items 4 & 5. He stated they were all agreeable to the change in order.

Item #5 – Update/Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board (ESSAB)-Chairman Eric Gross

ESSAB Chairman Gross stated that he would like his fellow members of the board to introduce themselves. Eileen Barrett, Eric Peters, Mary McCarthy, Albert Jacobs, Ed Butler.

ESSAB Chairman Gross stated that the members are from different Towns in Putnam County and have different occupations. He stated that some are in the emergency services field and some work outside the emergency services field. He stated that the ESSAB was formed a few years back (*established R#/199/2010*). He stated that he must recognize Acting Commissioner Robert Lipton for giving the ESSAB a push to get the bi-laws formed and get the board active on its mission. He stated that there are a number of initiatives the ESSAB is addressing. He stated that the size of elevators in buildings are being reviewed to assure that a stretcher can fit it them. He stated the ESSAB had contacted the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) requesting they conduct a traffic safety study on Horsepound Road at the site where there is a severe curve, and numerous accidents have occurred there. He stated also Nichols Street in the Town of Kent is a road that the ESSAB is asking the DOT to conduct a safety study on. He stated that a Radio System in Putnam Hospital has been approved. He stated that it is called a Repeater System. He stated once it is installed the ESSAB will notify the Legislature. He stated that it will allow emergency responders to have communication inside the hospital, as well as outside. He stated currently communication inside the hospital is difficult due to all of the lead in the walls. He stated the ESSAB is looking into dangers of “lightweight construction”. He stated that came about as a result of the horrific house fire three (3) years ago that occurred in Carmel. He stated the issue of Emergency Responders answering calls at Senior Center Housing Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes, and Rehabilitation Centers is a matter causing a great deal of consternation among the ranks of the Emergency Management Support Community (EMS). He stated that the EMS facilities have provided documentation of the number of calls they have received from the facilities earlier referred to.

Chair Gross made a motion to Waive the Rules and Accept the Additional; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

ESSAB Chairman Gross provided an overview of correspondence that was submitted. He stated that in 2014 the Brewster Ambulance handled 1,838 calls. He stated that almost 19% (18.88%) were calls from: Urgent Care & Mount Kisco Medical Group-185 Route 312, Putnam Ridge, Mt. Ebo Road North & Stonecrest. He stated in 2014 the Carmel Ambulance handled 828 calls and 32% of them came from

Arms Acres, Gables Way, Gleneida Court and Hillcrest. He stated the Lake Carmel Ambulance handled 651 calls and 12.90% were from Putnam Nursing. He stated that the Patterson Ambulance had 546 calls in 2014 and 28.21% were from Plaza at Clover Lake. He stated that in the correspondence he provided there is a recording for 2015 year to date with a break down showing the number of calls and percentage. He stated that the numbers are up already from last year. He stated that in 2015 to present these are the following percentages of calls received from the different facilities, previously listed, per Ambulance Service. Brewster Ambulance 23.53%, Carmel Ambulance 30.58%, Lake Carmel Ambulance 16.59% and Patterson Ambulance 39.18%. He stated the volumes of calls are having a negative impact on volunteerism.

Chair Gross questioned if part of the problem is insurance coverage for with these mentioned nursing homes.

ESSAB Member Peters stated that may be a large part of the problem. He stated the ESSAB would like to open the dialogue with these facilities that are really taxing the County's EMS divisions. He stated that the goal would be to find another form of support that would meet their needs.

Legislator LoBue stated that what strikes her is the fact that these are private entities. She stated that EMS was established on a volunteer basis to help and serve the residents.

ESSAB Member Albert stated that in the ten (10) years he has been volunteering this has been a challenge. He stated that there have been meetings with the Administrators of these facilities in the past. He stated that he wanted to let the Legislature know that they have been trying to rectify the problem, unfortunately they have not been successful.

Legislator Albano questioned if there is a possibility to charge the Private Facilities for each call.

ESSAB Member Albert stated that is a possibility. He stated the Private Facilities can form a consortium and pay an Ambulance Company.

Acting Commissioner Lipton said that a volunteer agency cannot bill per call, such as the Brewster Fire Department. He stated that independent Ambulance Companies can bill. He stated however, the Ambulance that belongs to the County Fire Departments cannot bill.

ESSAB Member McCarthy stated that she has been with the Carmel Ambulance for 35 years. She stated that they have gone to charging Arms Acres. She stated that the Ambulance Corps are able to bill. She stated that even though they are billing, and have been for approximately eight (8) years the calls are still being placed.

Chair Gross facilitated further discussion regarding some options that have been discussed to try to rectify this matter.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if the ESSAB has contacted the surrounding Counties to see how they deal with this matter.

ESSAB Member Peters stated that this is the beginning of the dialogue. He stated that they will be moving forward to gather more information.

ESSAB Member Barrett stated that part of the concern with this situation is the decline in volunteerism. She stated that the average volunteer in the Fire and Ambulance fields is volunteering because of their

desire to help save lives. She stated that when they go on two (2)- to three (3) calls a week providing transportation from the hospital to the Arms Acres facility, or they are called out to put a person in a chair that they fell out of, these are not the reasons that they were called to volunteer.

Acting Commissioner Robert Lipton stated that he would like to point out that firstly they are calling 911 for an ambulance for a non-emergency situation. He stated secondly, now that ambulance is being taken out of service to provide transportation, as an example of one of the non-emergency calls received. He stated then that ambulance is not available to respond if a true life threatening call comes into the E-911 Call Center.

ESSAB Member Albert, who is an EMS Brewster Officer for two (2) years, stated the average call can take at a minimum 1 hour and as long as three (3) hours from start to finish. He stated that there is a great deal of paper work attached to each call that the EMS worker must complete and submit. He stated that society is litigious. He reiterated to retain the volunteers in every department it is a constant challenge. He stated that they are here to appeal to the Legislature for support in working with the different agencies to incorporate a change in process and procedure.

Legislator LoBue stated that she believes Legislation needs to be passed, however more information needs to be gathered before that is done. She stated that she has had personal experience with a nursing facility in Westchester. She stated that unless there was a traumatic situation, such as a heart attack, everything was taken care of in the house by the staff. She stated that this report is shocking to hear. She suggested that the members of the ESSAB contact people in Westchester to see what their laws are and how they handle this. She stated in regards to volunteers she would like to suggest that they approach the schools and offer some programs. She stated that the Mahopac School does that. She stated that she believes that introducing the younger people will spike their interest to volunteer. She stated that she believes that having people from the community volunteering for the different emergency services is better than paying people from outside the community.

Acting Commissioner Lipton stated that this same matter is occurring in the Group Homes in Putnam County. He stated the situation is taxing the emergency response agencies. He stated that the ESSAB, is an advisory board to the Legislature, the purpose of bringing this matter forward is to a report that this is a matter that needs to be addressed.

Chair Albano stated that he has heard that there is a major rehabilitation facility researching their option to come into Putnam County. He stated if it is a facility five (5) times the size of Arms Acres, it is very apparent that the volunteers would be able to address that demand. He stated that he believes it will need to be done through legislation.

Legislator LoBue stated that a dialogue needs to be had with each one of the facilities. She stated that they need to understand that non- life threatening calls cannot be placed to E-911, the County's Response Agencies will not be able to sustain themselves. She stated that she would be happy to work with the ESSAB on this matter.

Chair Gross stated that this is a serious matter and thankful that it has been brought forward. He stated that he too is available to assist in working with the ESSAB to rectifying this matter.

ESSAB Member Peters stated that the ESSAB will have a meeting with representatives in Westchester County and gather some information on how they address this matter. He stated the ESSAB will report back to the Legislature. He stated that the ESSAB is always addressing the matter of "Volunteerism". He stated that there is a subcommittee derived from the ESSAB that's main focus is Volunteerism Retention.

Legislator Addonizio questioned if the staff at Plaza at Clover Lake has been asked if they can staff a person to handle the non-life threatening matters at the facility.

Legislator Albano stated that possibly legislation can be approved that would state that facilities must have staff on hand 24/7 to handle non-life threatening matters.

Chair Gross stated that this is a serious matter and he looks forward to working with the Legislature and the ESSAB to resolve this matter.

Item #4 - Discussion/Consolidation of Police Services/Town of Carmel Supervisor K. Schmitt & Councilperson J. Lupinacci

Town of Carmel Supervisor K. Schmitt stated that a correspondence was sent to County Executive Odell a few months ago (*dated March 11, 2015*). He stated the Town of Carmel requested that the County consider conducting a study regarding Police Consolidation in Putnam County. He stated such studies have been conducted in the past. He stated he believes there were studies done in the 70s and two (2) were done in the 80s: 1987 and 1988. He stated one of the studies stated that Police Consolidation would be feasible in Putnam County. He stated that it did not advance from there, the elected officials at the time took no action. He stated that the 2% Tax Cap threshold must be met in order to receive the State Rebate. He stated that the Town of Carmel Elected Officials are charged to determine if there are any cost effectiveness and efficiencies that could save the Town of Carmel from losing their State Rebate. He stated the Town of Carmel has an excellent Police Force and they do a great job. He stated that he was a Police Officer in the Town of Carmel for 26 years. He stated that he has a great deal of respect and admiration for his former colleagues. He stated the excellent job the Town of Carmel Police Department (Department) does is not the issue. He stated to fund the Department it costs the residents of the Town of Carmel \$8.5million. He stated that the Town of Carmel Board Members are constantly being asked what can be done to help with the financial burden on the residents. He stated that is the background of where this request came from. The County Executive stated, in communications regarding this matter, if the Town of Carmel Board Members wanted the County to consider conducting a feasibility study on merging law enforcement agencies in Putnam County there would need to be a written request. He stated that County Executive Odell has responded and indicated that she will consider it. He stated that she held a meeting with the Police Chiefs, County Sheriff and the Town Supervisors. He stated at the meeting the County Executive stated she would seek funding through the New York State Local Efficiency Grant (LEG), which does provide funding to research potential consolidation of services throughout New York State. He stated the funding granted by the LEG is not solely related to Police Consolidation. He stated throughout New York State there are many consolidation studies currently being conducted by municipalities. He stated such as the consolidation of the Assessor Offices and Receiver of Taxes. He stated that he believes the "Application" has been completed, however he is not sure if it has been submitted yet.

Legislator LoBue questioned who is submitting the grant application.

Town of Carmel Supervisor K. Schmitt stated the County Executive's Office is submitting the grant application. He stated that Senator Terrence Murphy's Office is involved in assisting in the application process. He stated that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Town Kent Police and all the Law Enforcement Agencies throughout Putnam County all are professional and do an excellent job. He stated that purpose of the study is to determine if the demographics of Putnam would allow for a consolidation. He stated that the study will take approximately a year or more. He stated that he believes all of the elected officials have a responsibility to see if there is an opportunity for cost savings for the residents.

Chair Gross stated that he is aware that the Town of Ossining and Cortlandt are working with the Westchester County Police. He stated that Mount Kisco, Mt. Pleasant and Pleasantville are all considering and looking into a consolidation of Police Services, merging with the Westchester County Police. He questioned if Supervisor Schmitt has had any conversation with the elected officials of these towns/villages.

Town of Carmel Supervisor K. Schmitt stated that he has not. He stated that he has spoken to the Mayor of the Village of Mount Kisco (Village) briefly. He stated that the Village has just signed an Inter-municipal Agreement with Westchester County Police Department to merge. He stated that there is a lot of discussion today about consolidation and many elected officials say that ways to consolidate should be researched. He stated that is what they are doing it. He stated for clarification, the intent is not to abolish the Town of Carmel Police Department. He stated that the goal is to see if there would be a cost savings by merging local police forces within Putnam County under one umbrella as a Countywide Police Department.

Chair Gross questioned how Supervisor Schmitt sees this happening in terms of responsibilities; have the Sheriff's Department handle Road Patrol, while the other agencies handle other responsibilities.

Town of Carmel Councilperson John Lupinacci stated that it varies. He stated that information is what would come from the feasibility study. He stated to Supervisor Schmitt's point as elected officials our due diligence must be done; nothing ventured nothing gained. He stated that if the study result shows that a merge/consolidation is feasible in Putnam County then the final decision would need to be made through a Public Referendum. He stated the Residents would need to make the final decision on what they want done in Putnam County in terms of Law Enforcement.

Chair Gross stated as a point of reference the feasibility of the consolidation of the School Districts should be researched as well.

Legislator Albano stated that he supports researching the feasibility of the Police Services consolidation in Putnam County. He stated that his own opinion is that there will not be a huge savings in just consolidation alone. He stated that he believes that there needs to be an entire new way of policing. He stated as an example, create a County Police Force and get all of the Towns on Board. He stated that the Town Police Departments do an excellent job. He stated unless the process is changed, over a period of time there will be no savings; moving it from one place to the other he does not see that there will be a great savings achieved.

Town of Carmel Councilperson John Lupinacci stated he agrees with Legislator Albano. He stated that if a Feasibility study is done correctly it should look at various options of efficiency, outside of the box. He stated that this is about evaluating whether the residents can be provided similar service while reducing the financial burden to them.

Chair Gross stated a great example of thinking out of the box and changing procedure while still providing a quality service while attaining a cost savings was the implementation of Special Patrol Officers (SPO) versus School Resources Officers (SRO).

Undersheriff Convery stated that there is a strong partnership currently between the Town of Carmel Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. He stated in 2014 the Town of Carmel stated they could not afford to fund the Town Police Department to Patrol Lake Mahopac. He stated that the Town of Carmel Officials requested that the Sheriff's Department take over the responsibility of patrolling Lake

Mahopac. He stated that the County agreed to take the responsibility of the patrolling of the Lake along with monitoring the Bike Path. He stated that the Sheriff's Department has procured four (4) boats which will be named on Thursday, May 14th. He stated that the County Sheriff's Department is doing all that they can do to keep Putnam County safe.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated the Sheriff's Department and Town of Carmel Police Department do partner very well together. He stated that they want to continue that. He restated, on behalf of the residents they want to do their due diligence as elected officials to see if there is a cost savings.

Legislator LoBue questioned in reference to the Feasibility Studies that have already been done; when were they done.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated in 1987 and 1988. He stated that they were done by appointed individuals in Putnam County.

Legislator Gouldman questioned what were the results found in the studies.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated the 1987 study, did not have a recommendation either way. He stated that the 1988 study showed that there would be a costs savings through a consolidation. He stated that lets keep in mind a lot has changed since 1988. He stated the demographics have changed, the County has grown in population, law enforcement has changed and the type of crimes have changed. He stated this particular study would be done by an outside consulting firm; so politics would not be involved in the evaluation process.

Legislator Addonizio questioned the cost amount of that grant.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated he was not sure of the dollar amount.

Town of Carmel Councilperson John Lupinacci stated his opinion is that if the study is going to be done, do it right or do not bother. He stated he would like to find out the amount.

Chair Gross questioned if the State Police ever respond to calls in Carmel.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated if a situation warrants their assistance they do provide support.

Undersheriff Convery stated that the Town of Kent and the Town of Carmel have each requested that the 911 Protocol be followed which states if a 911 call comes in from the Town of Kent or Carmel the Sheriff's Department is not to respond. The particular Town's Police Department responds to the call.

Town of Carmel Councilperson John Lupinacci stated that is a good example of a current practice and procedure that should be evaluated and consider if such procedure should be amended.

Legislator LoBue stated small incremental changes can result in beneficial returns. She stated that it was reported that the Feasibility Study would take at least a year to a year and a half. She stated that all of the Police Departments need to be on board in order for this to be effective. She stated that again she believes small changes could be made now and have a big impact. She stated that the fact of the matter is that \$14,000 - \$15,000 in taxes for a modest ranch style home in Mahopac is not sustainable. She stated that the taxes of course are a collaboration of the Schools, the Town and the County. She stated she believes a

dialogue must be had on what small changes can be made as soon as possible. She stated that the overtime of the Town Police Officers and the County's Officers really adds up.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated that there is a new Chief of Police in the Town of Carmel, Mike Cazzari. He stated that he has made some changes that have resulted in cost savings.

Town of Carmel Councilperson John Lupinacci stated that the Police Officers deserve credit also. He stated that they have worked to reduce overtime as well.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated that the Officers have been working along with the Administration to reduce overtime and they have. He stated that he would like to state that the Town of Carmel Police, on average, receives 25,000 calls annually. He stated that is a lot of calls. He stated that they are not all serious calls, of course. However, they are calls that warrant a response.

Legislator LoBue stated that she believes if the members of the Police Services and elected officials wait a year and a half before meeting and implementing small changes that is valuable time lost. She stated no one knows for sure what the results of the study will even be. She stated there may be some room for coordination.

Town of Carmel Supervisor Schmitt stated he believes there could be some better sharing of resources and services. He stated there is duplication of services throughout the County. He stated that there could be some streamlining of specialized units.

Chair Gross stated that he would like to meet with the Chief of Police in Mount Kisco or Cortlandt. He stated that he would be interested in hearing their plans as they move forward in their consolidation as well as hear their perspective on this matter.

Legislator Albano stated that possibly the Town of Carmel could research their authority to implement legislation that would require facilities such as rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, assisted living, et al be required to staff employees 24/7 that handle non-life threatening matters.

ESSAB Member Peters stated that the much discussed Butterfield Project is a perfect example of a new Senior Facility, without proper attention, could have a great deal of impact on the emergency service agencies in Putnam County.

Legislator LoBue stated that medical facilities and senior centers should be required to have a backup generator on their premises adequate to service and meet the needs at the facility. She stated that she believes that should be included in the building code.

Town of Carmel Superintendent Schmitt stated that there is a large drug and alcohol rehabilitation center who has requested that the Town of Carmel Zoning Board do an interpretation of the Town Code to decipher whether it would be permitted at a specific site in Carmel, which he cannot disclose at this time. He stated that is it a large facility. He stated in terms of the discussion had earlier tonight regarding the impact that the treatment facilities have on the 911- Call Center; this proposed facility could exasperate this problem. He requested in closing of this discussion he would like to ask Chair Gross to request a status report from the County Executive's Office on the application process.

Chair Gross stated that he would send that correspondence.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she would like any proposed legislation to include that not-for-profit agencies must pay also for E-911 services, and not have it placed on the taxpayers.

Town of Carmel Superintendent Schmitt stated that he will have his office set up a meeting with the Chief of Police in Mount Kisco and invite Chair Gross, per his request.

Item #6 – Update/ Haldane Central School District

- **Correspondence: Dated- April 27, 2015**

From- County Executive Odell To-Chairman of Protective Services Gross

Chair Gross read the correspondence Dated April 27th from County Executive Odell to Chairman of Protective Services Gross. He stated that in summary the County Executive stated after the Haldane Central School District Superintendent Dr. Diana Bowers met with Sheriff Smith, Undersheriff Convery and County Executive Odell it was agreed that the Haldane School District will dedicate funding for the 2015/2016 School year to support the employment of a Special Patrol Officer (SPO).

Undersheriff Convery stated that the Sheriff’s Department is in the process of finding a candidate from that side of the County to fill that position.

Item #7 Approvals/Acting Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services

- a. **Update/Process - Putnam County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan**
- b. **Approval//FY2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant
(application due to Homeland Security & Emergency Svcs. by 6/12/2015)**

7a. Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Lipton stated that they are waiting to receive the printed copy of the Putnam County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan). He stated that a copy will be presented to the along with a request for approval. He stated that he did receive a call from the printer prior to coming to tonight’s meeting stating the booklets are being printed.

Chair Gross questioned if other jurisdiction are participating in the plan and when must they adopt the plan.

Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services Lipton stated that all six (6) Towns and Villages participated along with the County. He stated that each Town, Village and the County will adopted their plan individually. He stated there is no deadline on when the Plan needs to be adopted. He stated that once the first Adoption Process has been completed that is when the time line starts ticking. He stated that the Plan is good for five (5) years from the Adoption Date and it must be renewed every five (5) years. He stated the clock begins ticking when the first Adoption takes place. He stated in summary the plan documents how to prevent hazards from happening, how to work through the cycle of hazardous mitigation. He stated by having the approved plan in place it opens the County up to receive Federal Grant Funding. He stated that Putnam County currently has 16 applications submitted now that have been sitting and waiting for over a year and a half, waiting for this plan to be adopted.

7b. Chair Gross Made a motion to approve Resolution/ FY2015 emergency Management Performance Grant; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in Favor

Item #8 – Approval/NYS STOP – DWI Foundation Grant for 2015-2016

Director of Probation Funicelli stated that this grant runs from October 2015 through to September of 2016.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to approve the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation Grant for 2015-2016; Seconded by Chair Gross. All in favor.

Item #9 – Discussion/Response: Overtime Report 2014 Fireworks Event at the Highlands Shopping Center/Sheriff's Department

Chair Gross stated that this is a July 4th Event (Event) that is scheduled to take place on Friday, July 3rd. He stated that the projected cost, provided by the Sheriff's Department to fund coverage at this event, is \$14,000.

Undersheriff Convery stated this is an estimation of cost. He stated that July 3rd is not a Holiday. If the Event was on the actual Holiday, July 4th, it would warrant Officers to be paid double time. He stated on July 3rd Officers would receive time and a half. He stated that this Event would be manpower intensive. He stated that there will need to be approximately 25 Officers. He stated that there will need to be assistance from State Troopers, due to the proximity of the Event to Interstate 84 and the Emergency Service Community will need to be involved. He stated that events such as these are becoming larger and larger making it very difficult for the Sheriff's Department to handle the monumental task of providing coverage.

Legislator LoBue stated that the proximity of the Event to Interstate 84 is a key factor to the increasing size of the crowd that attends this event. She stated possibly the location of the Event can be changed next year, of course it is too late this year. She stated to pay \$14,000 for one evening's event in Officers' overtime, in her opinion, is insane.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Officer coverage is just for the Fireworks or is it for the day.

Undersheriff Convery stated that the weather plays a part in that. He stated that last year the weather was not great, there was some rain. He stated if it is good weather, people will arrive early and at that point there needs to be a police presence. He stated that at last year's event there was in the range of 12,000-14,000 attendees.

Chair Gross stated that there was another event last year on the same weekend at the Tilly Foster Farm that added to the number of attendees. He stated that there is nothing planned there this year, that the Legislature is aware of.

Undersheriff Convery stated that whatever the Legislature decides to do the Sheriff's Department will support. He continued to comment on the demands that are put on the Volunteers. He stated that last year on the same weekend there was a fireworks event in Cold Spring that they provided coverage to as well.

Chair Gross stated he will approach the Town of Southeast Board members in regards to changing the location for next year.

Legislator Castellano stated that he does not see that happening. He stated the Town of Southeast stopped hosting the event because they could not afford it. He stated that the Store Owners in the Highland Shopping Center are paying for the event.

Legislator LoBue stated then consideration may need to be given to no longer having the Event then. She stated to pay approximately \$15,000 in overtime for one event is unheard of; and excessive.

Legislator Castellano stated this is a fantastic event for the residents of Putnam County and it is a boost to the economy for the Highland stores. He stated that there is a bigger picture that needs to be considered.

Legislator Albano stated that he supports hosting great events, such as this one. He stated however there needs to be a focus on the costs associated; if it gets to a point where the cost is unsustainable the matter needs to be revisited.

Undersheriff Convery stated the Sheriff's Department has not been included in any of the meetings regarding the event. He stated the Sheriff's Department should be involved in the planning process from the beginning, when they are being requested to participate. He stated unfortunately, that has not been the case.

Chair Gross & Legislator Castellano both stated that they will look into that and make sure that the Sheriff's Department is included in all future meetings regarding the July 3rd event.

Undersheriff Convery stated that representatives from the Emergency Services Agencies need to be included as well.

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Town is allowing open alcohol.

Legislator Castellano stated no. He stated that there is alcohol served at DeCiccos a store in the Highland's Shopping Center.

Chair Gross concluded the discussion by restating that he will speak with the Town of Southeast elected officials regarding the need to include the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Service Agency contact in meetings regarding the July 3rd event. He stated that he will communicate back to Acting Commissioner Lipton and Undersheriff Convery.

Item #10 –FYI/Response: 2015 Coroner Cases-1st Quarter

Chair Gross stated that Chairman of the Legislature Carl Albano requested a first quarter activity report from the County's Coroner Office, which is attached to the agenda.

Chairman of the Legislature Albano stated that the goal is to have the workload more balanced amongst the three (3) coroners. He stated that there is still room for improvement.

Legislator LoBue stated she suggest to have Dr. Nesheiwat attend the June Protective meeting to provide a verbal update on the workings of the Coroner's Office and hear firsthand how he thinks the department is working.

Item #11 - Other Business

a) Verbal/Master List of Sheriff's Vehicles/Legislator LoBue

Legislator LoBue addressed Undersheriff Convery and requested the Legislature be given a master list of the Sheriff's Vehicles. She stated that it was addressed at a previous meeting, however it was not received, and she also stated that she believes the format previously discussed needs to be changed slightly.

Item #12 – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 7:55P.M., Chair Gross made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk of the Legislature Diane Trabulsy.