

2023-10-02 BRAVO Minutes

Brandon Museum 7-8pm

First Monday of the month unless a holiday falls therein and we will meet the next calendar day of Tuesdays.

Called to order 7pm

Members in attendance:

Mitch Pearl, Claire Astone, Debbie Boyce

Minutes approved from last monthly meeting, September 08.

Agenda for today's meeting approved.

Job descriptions for BRAVO officers were reviewed and this proposed slate of officers was presented:

Chair - Mitch Pearl

Vice Chair - Susan Benedict

Secretary – Claire Astone

Coordinator – Paula Ashley must be approved by Town Manager

Debbie Boyce – Advisory Board member

Panelist – Linsey Berk

A motion was made by Debbie Boyce to accept this slate of officers . The members voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers and panelist and to be presented to Town Manager and Select Board for approval.

BRAVO hosted a Zoom meeting with Special guests Damien Barnes, Rutland Director, Rutland Community Justice Center and June Sargent, former BRAVO member and user of RJ over a decade. An invite was also sent to Seth Hopkins, Heather Nelson, Cecil Reniche-Smith and Bill Moore as well as all Brandon BRAVO members. Brandon BRAVO members present were Claire Astone, Debbie Boyce, and Paula Ashley.

From this meeting we gained information about resources that we can use as well as networking opportunities to meet with other Restorative Justice groups across the state. The counties network to discuss general and specific issues. It's a means of staying connected and building community. BRAVO began over a year ago to get involved but due to COVID things slowed to a crawl. Amanda Wolf was of great support to BRAVO. She has

moved from Rutland County to Addison RJ and her office has supplied training supports to our panelists with DOC approval. With these opportunities and information, we hope to further improve our services to our community. More networking to follow with Damien.

No updates on fingerprints.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned 8pm.