

## **Summary of October 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Saranac Lake Police Review Committee**

The meeting was held via zoom from 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm. Present were: John Sweeney, Chief James Joyce, Melinda Little, Chris Morris, David Hayes, Ernest Hough, Sarah Clarkin and Suzanne Lavigne. Absent were: Betsy Fuller and Angela Brice.

The Committee spent the bulk of the meeting reviewing and discussing the evidence-based strategies outlined in the Governor's Executive Order 203 for the purpose of prioritizing those strategies which seem most applicable to the Saranac Lake Police Force and Community. It was determined that the strategies that should be given the highest priority in the Committee's Review process include:

- Use of force policies
- De-escalation training and practices
- Procedural justice
- Implicit bias awareness training
- Community-based outreach and conflict resolution
- Law enforcement assisted diversion programs

Other topics will be added to the priority list once the results of the Survey have been compiled.

The Committee believes at this time that violence prevention and reduction/intervention is blended throughout many of the above items and, therefore, will not discuss it as a singular item (again at this time.)

The other strategies in the order that the Committee members deemed as less applicable or beyond the scope of the size of the Saranac Lake Community and resources available included:

- Problem oriented policing
- Hot spot policing
- Restorative justice
- Focused deterrence
- Crime prevention through environmental design

In regards to public comment, the Committee will hold public forums every 4 weeks or so and continue to accept written comments for the weekly meetings.

The Committee also decided to ask Rhonda Couwenhoven to join. She will fill the vacancy caused by Larry Harris being unable to participate.