

Easthampton Public Safety Committee Minutes

January 13th, 2026

Members Present: Chair Newton, Councilor Markee, Councilor Schmidt

Absent:

Attendance: Councilor Denham, Councilor Jadczak, Fire Chief Norris

Members

Also in

1: Call in order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Councilor Newton

2: Approval of Minutes

There were no mins to approve at this time

3: Public Speak Time

4: New Business

Request by Chief Norris to approve a Resolution Adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan

Councilor Newton asked Chief Norris to summarize the plan for the committee.

Councilor Schmidt asked Chief Norris if he could update some of the language in the plan. ie White Brook Middle School to Mountain View School, etc. Chief Norris asked Councilor Schmidt to send him an email with such suggestions.

Councilor Schmidt asked Chief Norris on how the plans contents would be shared with the public.

Councilor Newton asked for information regarding CODE RED and reverse 911 calls

Councilor Newton asked how much the plan has changed over the last 5 years; Chief Norris said the plan has changed very little over the past 5 years.

Chief Norris elaborated on some of details of the plan and how mutual aid agreements work.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt – To recommend the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan be moved for a vote before the full City Council on January 21st, 2026. Councilor Markee seconded the motion. PASSED 3-0

5: Continuing/Ongoing Business

Councilor Markee brought up safety concerns with Cottage St. along with flooding with along a sidewalk where Cottage St. meets Holyoke St. Councilor Newton felt that Cottage St. may need its own line on the agenda to address these concerns. Councilor Markee to email DPW.

Councilor Schmidt made a motion to suspend the order of the agenda, Councilor Markee seconded. PASSED 3-0

Councilor Newton suggested we start reinstating the quarterly review of departments (Police, Fire, DPW) Councilor Markee was in favor of meeting with the departments individually on a rotating basis. Chief Norris was invited to explain how the quarterly reviews happened in past Public Safety Councils.

Councilor Newton suggested we review/edit language within the Traffic Rules. The committee agreed to bring their own individual Traffic Rules documents to next PSC meeting to work on edits. Council President Denham offered some guidance (and City Council processes) with edits.

Councilor Markee described where 'difficult to see' stop sign on the intersection of West St, and Loudville Rd. is. Councilor Denham suggested we to into prior agenda packets to review, namely September 2024.

6: Next Meeting

The committee agreed to hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Feb 3th 2026 at 6pm

Adjournment:

Councilor Markee moved to adjourn, Councilor Schmidt seconded. PASSED 3-0
(7:22pm)