

Town of Woodbury Public Safety Reinvention and Collaborative Plan

February 24, 2021

Town of Woodbury Supervisor Frank Palermo has announced the creation of the Woodbury Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Advisory Panel, per Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order #203, to review the Woodbury Police Department's policies and procedures. This order, signed by Governor Cuomo on June 12, 2020, requires that each local government entity that has a police agency operating with police officers, as defined under 1.20 of the Criminal Procedure Law, to convene a group of stakeholders from government and the community to perform such evaluation. Municipalities must address policing functions, standards, and strategies; fostering community-oriented leadership, culture, and accountability; and recruiting and supporting excellent and diverse personnel. This Advisory Panel will gather input from the public and then make recommendations to the Town Board to adopt the plan that then must be sent to the State, no later than April 1, 2021. The Advisory Panel is charged with the task of developing a plan to improve the deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency with an eye toward promoting community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy. The Advisory Panel will ultimately develop a plan that considers the community's needs and will recommend how the Woodbury Police Department can effectively meet those needs. Community input and public comments will be taken into consideration in the development of the group's final plan, which must be adopted as a local law no later than April 1, 2021. In addition to the public input meeting that will be held, this website will allow for citizens to provide comments and recommendations by posing questions and comments by email. See the Submit Your Input section below for more details.

The Members of the Woodbury Advisory Panel are:

- Frank Palermo – Town Supervisor & Town Resident – Panel Chairman
- Timothy Egan- Village Mayor & Town Resident
- Thomas Burke- Town Board member & Town Resident
- Chief Kevin Watson – Town Police Chief & Town Resident
- Joann Sullivan – Director of Cemetery of the Highlands & Town Resident
- Louis Roman – MW School Safety Officer & Town Resident
- Clifford Ader- Educator & Town Resident
- Anika Mohammed –Defense Attorney & Town Resident
- Reverend Joseph Tyrrell –Pastor Church of St. Patrick's & Town Resident
- Levy Friedman – KJ Emergency Medical Services & Town resident
- Jaideep Kakar – Business Owner &Town Resident

Timeline:

There are currently three meetings planned for the advisory panel, with a fourth meeting to be held for public input. All the meetings will be made public for viewing in the interest of transparency.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 7pm - Click Here to View Meeting on YouTube
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7pm - Click here to View Meeting on YouTube
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7pm - Click here to View Meeting on YouTube
- Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7pm – via Zoom at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88010551068?pwd=VGw0a1B4bE5jWm5UeDZDUkV6VEFLUT09>
 - Meeting ID: 880 1055 1068
 - Passcode: 827182
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 - +13017158592,,88010551068#,,,,*827182# US (Washington DC)

Submit Your Input:

In order to ensure we engage the public, we are seeking your feedback. You can do this by:

Email input and questions to: Policereform@woodburypolice.org to make a comment or ask a question for the panel to review and/or submit.

Attend the public input meeting that will be held specifically for your input and address the advisory panel. Your input is wanted and appreciated.

Documents for Review:

New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Workbook

Police Presentation