

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR'S OPIOID TASK FORCE
131 NORTH MAIN STREET
MAY 3, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDEES:

Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano
Chief Brian Gould
Marco Palmeri
Mike Tingley
Heather Hitchcock
Matt Norton
Tina Tanguay
Sandy Kamens
Karen Kiley
River _____
Sam Arsenau
Noelle Bates – Recording Secretary

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Mayor Caggiano called the meeting to order at 6:02 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #2 – ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 9, 2023 MINUTES

A **Motion** was made by Chief Gould and **Seconded** by Sandy Kamens to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Minutes. All in favor.

ITEM #3 – UPDATE ITEMS

ITEM #3A – COBRA & BRISTOL POLICE PARTNERSHIP

Chief Gould stated that he had no specific updates to address but that they are continuing to educate their officers.

ITEM # 3B - B.E.S.T

Mike Tingley stated that National Prevention week is this Thursday from 5pm-7pm at Rockwell Park. B.E.S.T., Bristol Burlington Health District, and CTHRA will be there, among others. Heather asked if they could invite Bristol Hospital. To get updates, follow Best on Instagram or go to Best4bristol.com.

ITEM #3C – COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER

The Mayor stated that the Community Officer has been put on hold. The City was hoping to receive substantial money from the marijuana sales. The City receives 3% of the sales, but so far the City has only received \$500.00.

ITEM #4 - NEW BUSINESS

Angie Karwowski gave a report on the OD Map. She stated that for the first few months of 2023 there were between 8 to 9 overdoses. Although there were no deaths last month, the overdoses went up in May to 13 and most of them were fentanyl related. She will be emailing the data she shared, which has been attached to these minutes.

ITEM #5 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Caggiano announced that there is 6 billion dollars in opioid money sitting statewide. Mayor O’Leary is stepping down as Mayor this year but is playing a much more active role in the Opioid Crisis on the state level with Wolcott Mayor Tom Dunn. This is a possible opportunity for Bristol to partner regionally.

Marco Palmeri stated that the Bristol-Burlington Health District is starting a pilot program with John Dempsey Hospital with regard to the administering of Narcan to overdose patients.

ITEM # 6 – ADJOURNMENT

A **Motion** was made by Sandy Kamens and **Seconded** by Chief Gould to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm. All in favor.

Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano
Mayor’s Opioid Task Force