

## **ARTICLE 21. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

21.1. Establishment of the Department. The Town shall have a Police Department established by the Select Board. It shall act under the supervision of the Chief of Police.

21.2. Responsibilities of Select Board. The Select Board shall:

- a. Appoint a Chief of Police and such police officers as they deem necessary;
- b. Have overall responsibility for the Police Department; and
- c. Establish suitable policies and procedures governing the Police Department and the police officers, including standards for record keeping.

21.3. Responsibilities of the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police shall provide to the Town appropriate police and related services as determined by the Select Board, supervise all police officers, and be responsible for all Town property used by the Department.

21.4. General Provisions. The Department shall also be governed by the applicable provisions of Articles 2 through 7 of these bylaws and other provisions of these bylaws applicable generally to all Boards, except as it is specifically directed by law or a provision of these bylaws to act otherwise.

21.5 Deputy Police Chief. The Police Chief may appoint a Deputy Police Chief and, pursuant to G.L. c.40, §4, enter into an employment contract with the Deputy Police Chief provided such contract is (a) for a term not to exceed three years, and (b) subject to annual appropriation by Town Meeting. (New ATM 2023.)