

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 4, 2020**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**First Name      Last Name      Street Address      Comments: Per Council rules and procedures, please limit comments to what can reasonably be read to the meeting record in three (3) minutes or less. Please be mindful that this form is for public comment only. Please direct questions/general inquiries to Council members directly.**

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For the town council to decided upon a CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD, based on the recently passed Police Accountability Bill, which allows each town's legislative body to establish a civilian police review board by ordinance. The ordinance must prescribe at least the following: 1. the board's scope of authority; 2. the number of members and their term of office; and 3. the process for selecting members, whether elected or appointed, and the procedure for filling vacancies. The bill allows a review board established by ordinance to (1) issue subpoenas to compel witness attendance before the board and (2) require the production of books and papers it deems relevant to any matter under investigation or in question. The bill specifies that it does not affect or limit any civilian police review board existing before the bill's enactment. Under the bill, if a civilian police review board receives a written request from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG, see §§ 33-34 below), it must stay and take no further action on any proceeding that is the subject of an OIG investigation or criminal prosecution (e.g., police use of force investigations). Stays may last for up to six months from the day the board receives OIG's request, but OIG may terminate a stay sooner by written notice to the board.