



## Special Meeting Notice - Addendum

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**April 1, 2016 - 9:00 am** - 125 Putnam Pike, Dayville, CT

Under Discussion and Actions and after Item 5 add new discussion item:

### 6. Regional Police Force Discussion

Discussion Facilitation<sup>1</sup>:

- ▶ Does your town need or want its own police department, or is it willing to rely solely on the State Police?
- ▶ What is your town's perception of its safety and its need for police services?
- ▶ Does your town need or desire around-the-clock coverage; proactive patrol; specialized programs; traffic enforcement; visible police presence; or just reactive response to emergency calls?
- ▶ What does the community consider to be an acceptable response time?
- ▶ What is your town's willingness – and fiscal capacity – to fund police operations?
- ▶ Although there are certain grant (RPI, ICE, STEAP) and loan (USDA Rural Development) - what is your town's willingness to commit long-term to police services?
- ▶ The “back office” operations (training, scheduling, record keeping, statistical analysis, updating of policies, evidence management, review of reports, legal updates, human resources administration, information technology, recruitment and retention, compliance with FOIA requirements, and similar tasks beyond routine patrol) of any law enforcement agency is not insignificant, regardless of the size of the agency, and the liability that can accrue to a municipality that fields a police department without satisfactorily addressing its administrative obligations can far outweigh the benefit provided by a token police presence.
- ▶ What is your town's experience with the Resident State Trooper Program or reluctance to participate?
- ▶ Does the State Police troop assigned to your town meet you town's policing needs?

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted, in part from - South County Police Study: Towns of Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately Massachusetts, Franklin Regional Council of Governments