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1 Chief Hardy has been a force for good

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3 TEXT BODY:

RE: "Brattleboro police chief to step down March 30"

[News, Jan. 28]:

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4 It was with sadness I read in *The Commons* today that

5 Police Chief Hardy will be retiring.

6 In the short time she has served as police chief in  
7 Brattleboro, she has been a force for good in our community. The  
8 positive changes she brought about will stand us in good stead  
9 for years to come. She addressed things as they are and not how  
10 we would wish them to be.

11 The Brattleboro Resource Assistance Team, as well as the  
12 community resource officer and the police program to help with  
13 understanding the challenges faced by individuals with mental  
14 health issues, are so important to help address the changes that  
15 have occurred in Brattleboro in the last 20 years.

16 Rather than bemoan what's transpired, Chief Hardy faced  
17 the facts and found ways to make things better. I, for one, will  
18 miss her presence and wish her well.

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