

Claremont Police Commission Meeting

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 18, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

*@ Claremont Visitor Center
North Street
Claremont, NH*

- I. Roll call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at **5:38pm**. Commissioner Courtemanche, Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Tremblay were all present. Chief Chase was present.
- II. Citizens Forum: There were no citizens at this meeting. Officer John Friedman was in attendance for this meeting.
- III. Review of Minutes: After review of the Public Meeting Minutes for August and September, Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to accept said minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.
- IV. Review of monthly Reports: August & September 2017 Monthly Reports:
 - a. Chief's Office
 - b. Investigations
 - c. Patrol – Commissioner Courtemanche asked about the statistics that are in the patrol division report. Chief Chase could not supply the answer and will get the information from Capt. Wilmot and report at the next meeting.
 - d. Communications
 - e. Statistical Reports
 - f. Budget update: Police/Communications

The monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to accept reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

- V. Correspondence: Chief Chase provided copies of the correspondence that he has been receiving over the last two months. There were many post cards as well as letters from people about the incident that occurred on August 27, 2017. There were negative as well as supportive letters to Chief Chase
- VI. CALEA: The commission was advised many policies are ready for review and will be provided to them prior to the next meeting.
- VII. Old Business: There was no old business discussed
- VIII. New Business: The police commission was provided a draft copy of a letter that will be sent to the Claremont City Council. Chief Chase was asked to provide an update on the staffing at Claremont Police Department by the council. Captain Wilmot assisted in this document. The police commission was provided a copy before it being issued to the council. Chief Chase also supplied a copy of a grant that was received from NH Highway safety. The focus of the grant is for DWI enforcement. Chief Chase will appear before the City Council in November 2017 and may speak on both issues.

At 6:01 pm Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond. The motion was voted on and passed.

- IX. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session **at 7:00 pm**.
- X. Set November 2017 meeting: Meeting set for November 15, 2017 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the Visitor Center on North Street.
- XI. Adjourn: **At 7:04 pm** Commissioner Raymond made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Trembley and the motion passed.

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Honorable Police Commission
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RE: Chief's Report for August & September 2017

Honorable Commission Members:

I have attended a number of meetings over the last two months. I have participated in the Traffic Advisory Board, N.I.C.E. as well as numerous staff and directors meetings. I also appeared before city council on a highway safety grant as well as a traffic advisory issue. Several community events have also occurred over these weeks. All community events were well attended and our focus at each and every event is to provide overall security and safety for all those in attendance. Captain Wilmot along with Captain Lee have been able to keep up with these events as well as the normal case load that has come in during this time.

The police call that came in on August 28, 2017 became at times an overwhelming issue that pulled our resources in several directions. I am able to say with confidence that I believe the members of the command staff as well as the officers that became involved in this case have handled themselves very professionally and have maintained a positive attitude.

Lt. Stanley Andrewski has returned back to full duty. He has advised he has the intention to remain working until he can retire in early 2019. He returned at the end of September and after a brief "catching up" period he is back on the road and as part of the command staff has started to take some tasks from the patrol captain.

We continue to operate the Claremont Police patrol schedule under emergency status. I have discussed this schedule with the union and it must remain in effect until the Ofc. Morine and Ofc. Peavey can be released to solo duty. I intend to go back to the patrol schedule that is in the contract at the end of October.

As outlined above, the Claremont Police Department continues to work together with all parts of the City, County and State Government and the citizens of Claremont, to make this City a comfortable and safe community to live in.

Mark T. Chase
Chief of Police