

Claremont Police Commission Meeting

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 16, 2018 @ 5:30 PM

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Claremont Police Department

58 Opera House Sq.

Claremont, NH

- I. Roll call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at **5:35pm**. Commissioner Raymond, Commissioner Courtemanche and C.M McNutt was present for this meeting. Chief Chase, Captain Wilmot and Captain Lee was also present.

- II. Citizens Forum: There were no citizens to address the Police Commission at this meeting. During the Citizens Forum Chief Chase used this time to swear in the Claremont Police Department's newest Police Academy graduate, Officer Cameron Blewitt. Ofc. Blewitt had family present as well as many Claremont Police employees that came to see him take his oath. Chief Chase also used this time to address Police Memorial Week. There was a brief intermission for some cake and visiting with family and friends. The Claremont Police Commissioners then reconvened the meeting and conducted the monthly business.

- III. Review of Minutes: After review of the Public Meeting Minutes for the April 18, 2018, Commissioner Raymond made a motion to accept said minutes. The motion was seconded by C.M. McNutt. The motion was then voted on and passed.

- IV. Review of monthly Reports:
 - a. Chief's Office. Chief Chase spoke about some of the topics listed in his monthly report. Senate Bill 566, Bail reform was discussed and since the writing of the Chief's report the bill has been signed into law.
 - b. Patrol Division. Captain Wilmot provided an overview of the patrol division
 - c. Investigations. Captain Lee provided an overview of investigations.
 - d. Statistical Reports – The provided April 2018 crime comparison report was reviewed.
 - e. Budget update: Police/Communications – The budget continues to track as expected. The FY2019 budget hearing date has been set and Chief Chase will present his budget to City Council in June.

- V. Correspondence: The March NH Drug Monitoring Initiative was provided. Chief Chase also received a thank you letter from the City of Biddeford Maine for allowing A.M. William Wilmot to assist with their national accreditation assessment.
- VI. CALEA: The commission then discussed G.O. 404.6 K-9 Operations. The commission had reviewed it during the April 2018 meeting but it was sent back for some changes. Commissioner Courtemanche then made a motion to approve G.O. 404.6. Commissioner Tremblay then made a second. There was no further discussion and the motion was voted on and passed.
- VII. Old Business: Chief Chase presented the commission with information on the OHRV grant as well as the Ballistic Vest grant. The Claremont Police has applied for these two grants. We have been approved for both in years past. Chief Chase applied for both and expects that they will both be approved. They each represent an estimated \$3000 each year of savings to the City of Claremont. Updates will be provided as Chief Chase receives them.
- VIII. New Business: Chief Chase provided some information on body worn cameras for the Police Commission. A sample policy was provided as well as information from the IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police). A Primer on Body Worn Camera for Law Enforcement was also supplied that was completed by the US Department of Justice. This information was supplied to start the conversation about the possibility of having this equipment as part of Claremont Police Department. The commission discussed the desire to move towards at least getting the mobile camera system up and operating. This system was funded in FY2018 with encumbrance money from the previous year budget. The shortage of officers created this opportunity for Chief Chase to request this money. This system is a sizable investment for the City of Claremont. There is a very real concern that the lack of a body camera is available would cause issues but there is also a very real concern that when a body camera system is not administered or monitored correctly other issues can occur. Chief Chase expressed his concern about having the resources to administrate this system but understands the potential problems with not having this system in the public court of law. This was the first part of a very lengthy conversation that must occur with the use of this equipment.

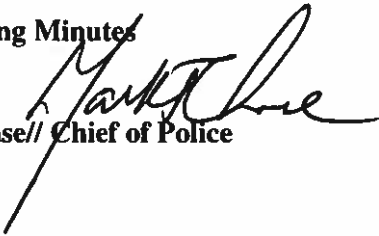
At 6:55 Commissioner Raymond made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) personnel, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Courtemanche. The motion was voted and passed

- IX. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session at 7:20 pm
- X. Set June 2018 meeting: Meeting set for June 20, 2018 at 5:30 pm. This meeting will be held at the Claremont Visitor Center Department.
- XI. Adjourn: At 7:25 pm Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and the motion passed.

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Prepared by:

Mark T. Chase// Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark T. Chase", is written over the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.