

Claremont Police Commission Meeting

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 15th, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

@ Visitor's Center/Planning & Development Office, 14 North Street

- I. Roll Call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order **at 5:30 pm**. Commissioner Courtemanche, Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Tremblay were all present. Chief Scott and Captain Chase were both present.
- II. Citizens Forum: No citizens appeared for citizen's forum.
- III. Review of Minutes of May 18th, 2016 Public Meeting: After review of the May 18th, 2016 Public Meeting minutes 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. Preview of June and July, 2016 upcoming events: Review of upcoming events included discussion of the Fourth of July Fireworks celebration and the Police Association Carnival which will be held in the Running's Parking lot this year from June 16th to the 19th.
- V. May 2016 Monthly Reports:
 - a. Chief's Office
 - b. Investigations
 - c. Patrol
 - d. Communications
 - e. Statistical Reports

The monthly reports were reviewed with particular emphasis on the May 3rd Leadership Speakers Series event hosted by the N.H. U.S. Attorney's Office which included a review of Gloucester MA's Angel Program designed to help addicts get into recovery. The

Laconia NH Police Department also presented on a similar program that they are using to get addicts into recovery programs. The current status of the NH Police Academy Funding legislation was reviewed. The annual report from the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force was discussed with emphasis on the fact that Team B, which covers Cheshire, Sullivan and lower Grafton County was once again the most productive DTF team in the State. Ongoing bear sightings were discussed. Lastly, the Chief noted that overall crime statistics are down so far for 2016. The Commission questioned if low staffing had an impact on this and both Chief Scott and Captain Chase noted that crime reporting is not generally impacted by staffing levels and, as a result, did not feel that staffing levels were responsible for all the reductions in crime numbers. After review and discussion of the monthly reports Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to accept the May 2016 monthly reports, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Raymond and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

VI. Correspondence: There was no correspondence to review.

VII. Accreditation / Grants update: The Commission reviewed Accreditation/Grant Manager Wilmot's June Briefing outlining CALEA's ongoing review of the President's Task Force Report on 21st Century Policing and how it will impact updating standards for the pending release of CALEA's 6th Edition of standards. It also included a review of the COPS Community Policing Development "microgrant" application that would provide funding for the Claremont Police Department to establish a program similar to Gloucester MA's or Laconia NH's programs to help guide addicts into recovery.

VIII. Budget Update:

- a. Police: Chief Scott noted that overall percentages continue to track in an acceptable fashion.
- b. 911: Chief Scott noted that overall percentages continue to track in an acceptable fashion.

IX. Old Business:

No Old Business to review

X. New Business:

- a. General Order # 540: Hate Crimes: A typo was noted on page 4 of the General Order but otherwise there were no comments. GO 540: Hate Crimes will be presented for final vote and signatures at the next meeting.

- b. Recruiting Interviews: Recruiting interview occurred during non-public session of meeting.

At 6:04 pm 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 Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

XI. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session **at 6:45 pm**.

XII. Set tentative meeting(s) Schedule for May 2016 meeting: A special meeting was scheduled for on or around June 29th, 2016 for additional recruiting interviews. The July 2016 meeting will be skipped and the next regular meeting will be on August 17th, 2016 at the Visitors Center, 14 North Street. The June and July monthly reports will be covered at the August meeting.

XIII. Adjourn: **At 6:48 pm** Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and all three Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

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Prepared by:

Chief Scott