

Claremont Police Commission Meeting

Public Minutes

Wednesday, September 16th, 2015 @ 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 5:31pm. Commissioner Courtemanche and Commissioner Tremblay were present. Commissioner Raymond was excused. Chief Scott was present.

- II. Citizens Forum: No citizens appeared for citizen's forum. Commissioner Tremblay stated he encouraged a Shawn Lettre to come speak with Chief Scott about a concern he had about an accident and arrest he was involved in. Chief Scott noted he has not been contacted by Mr. Lettre. Commissioner Tremblay also inquired about an email from a Ms. O'Hare concerning a criminal trespass call. Chief Scott noted has not been contacted by Ms. O'Hare. Chief Scott stated he would review both incidents for Commissioner Tremblay and update him at the next meeting. Commissioner Courtemanche explained that Stephen Bergen had visited her again concerting his complaint that the police won't provide him with any information on license plate numbers he provides. Chief Scott has previously explained to Mr. Bergen that the police are not allowed to provide that information to the public.

- III. Review Minutes of August 19th, 2015 Public Meeting: Review and acceptance of minutes was moved to next month's meeting since Commissioner Tremblay was not present for the August 19th, 2015 meeting.

IV. Preview of September and October, 2015 upcoming events: Chief Scott outlined that September 19th is the second annual Claremont Kiwanis Brew Fest and this year it will include a 5-K race as well. October 3rd is the Chili Cook-Off. Firemen's Parade is scheduled for October 9th.

V. August 2015 Monthly Reports:

- a. Chief's Office
- b. Criminal Division
- c. Patrol Division
- d. Communications Division
- e. Statistical Reports

The August 2015 Monthly report was reviewed and discussed with emphasis on ongoing Code Enforcement assistance from Chief Scott. Chief Scott noted that Code Enforcement Officer Sean Glasscock is doing an excellent job. They have a number of cases in the 5th Circuit Court, District Division and have been getting property owners to come into compliance as a result. Chief Scott briefed the Commission on the changes to the New Hampshire Highways Safety Grant process. Commissioner Tremblay encouraged the Maple Ave School extra patrols in the afternoon continue as they have a positive impact on slowing traffic down near the school. Chief Scott briefed Commission on ongoing full-time and part-time Communications Specialist recruiting. After review and discussion Commissioner Courtemanche made a motion to accept the August 2015 Monthly Reports, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tremblay and both Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

VI. Correspondence: Thank you letter from Larry and Priscilla Stevens was reviewed. Chief Scott also noted that in response to all the negative media attention on police he has received several phone calls as well as citizens approaching him to pass on their thanks for all the men and women of the Claremont Police Department do for their community.

VII. Accreditation / Grants update: - See New Business -

VIII. Budget Update:

- a. Police
- b. 911

Chief Scott noted overall percentages are tracking in an acceptable fashion. Dispatch overtime is being tracked closely as well as reviewing the possibility of hiring full-time Communications Specialist for training during overlap with outgoing employee.

IX. Old Business: N/A

X. New Business:

- a. Review Onsite Assessment Report: Chief Scott reviewed the Assessment Report with the Commission including highlighting the Summary:

“The City of Claremont is in the good hands of a modern, well equipped and managed law enforcement agency that has the best interests of the community in mind.” “The agency partners with a variety of groups to ensure law enforcement is performing up to an exceeding the expectations of the community.” . . .

The Assessment Report noted that the Claremont Police Department is in compliance with all necessary Accreditation Standards. The Commission expressed its appreciation to Chief Scott and the Accreditation manager for an excellent report.

At 6:04pm Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to N RSA 91-A:3, II (a), the motion was seconded by Commissioner Courtemanche and both Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

- XI. Public Session: The meeting returned to public session **at 6:31pm**.

- XII. Set tentative meeting(s) Schedule for October 2015 meeting: The October 2015 Claremont Police Commission meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Claremont Visitors Center.

- XIII. Adjourn: At 6:33pm Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Courtemanche and both Commissioners voted in favor of said motion.

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