

# Claremont Police Commission Meeting

## Public Meeting Minutes

*Wednesday January 15, 2020 @ 5:30 PM*

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*Claremont Visitor Center  
14 North Street  
Claremont, NH*

- I. Roll call & Call to Order: The meeting was called to order **at 5:33pm**. Commissioner Tremblay, Commissioner Raymond and Commissioner Courtemanche were present for this meeting. Chief Chase and Deputy Chief Wilmot were present for meeting. There was one member of the public that was present for the meeting.
- II. Citizens Forum: Lloyd Smrkovski, Ward 3 – Mr. Smrkovski spoke to members of the staff and Commission.
- III. Review of Minutes: No Review of Minutes
- IV. Review of monthly Reports:
  - a. Chief's Office. Chief Chase did not provide a monthly report.
  - b. Operations. Captain Wilmot prepared a monthly report.
  - c. Communications. Marcy St. Pierre prepared a report for the Commission.
  - d. Department Training. Chief Chase provided an overview of the department training and Peer, Public and Supervisor Recognition.
  - e. Crime Comparison report.
  - f. Budget update: Chief Chase provided an overview of the budget as of the date of the meeting.
- V. Correspondence:
  - a. The Claremont Police Department received a thank you note from Jim & Ellie Feleen for the officer's service to our community.
  - b. Claremont Savings Bank sent a Thank You note for the help with a recent "Skimming" case where the Claremont Savings Bank location was compromised.
  - c. Chief Chase provided a notice of a public gathering for the retirement of Chief James Burroughs of Newport Police Department.
  - d. The November NH Drug Monitoring Initiative was provided
- VI. C.A.L.E.A.

Accreditation Manager William Wilmot provided a memo on the Annual Audit of the Department's Property and Evidence Function.

VII. Old Business: The Claremont Police Commission received a presentation from Laura Barker and her daughter Selena of the Hero Pups organization. Claremont Police was selected as one of the three agencies that this organization will partner with for a service dog for police work. Laura came with a puppy, known as "BLUE" to meet with members of the department as well as the commission. Laura gave an overview of their training program and the services that they provide as a trainer of dogs. Earlier in the day the four officers that are interested in being a dog handler met the dogs and Laura and spoke about expectations. All of the officers are excited for this new program at CPD. Many pictures of BLUE were taken and the Commission is excited for the department and this new venture.

V. New Business: Chief Chase provided the Claremont Police Commission with a copy of the NH Police Standards & Training annual filing. This report is due annual in January. Chief Chase completes the report which details compliance with training and other aspects of officer's certifications as police officers

Chief Chase provided a copy of a memo that he was requested to complete reference the cost of turn over for a police officer at CPD. C.M. Morris requested this memo to provide information to the Claremont City Council. Chief Chase estimated most costs as it relates to hiring, outfitting and training an officer until they are working as a police officer in a solo capacity. The cost for an uncertified hire as a police officer to the citizens of Claremont can reach over one year's salary for a new officer before they are working alone as a police officer.

Chief Chase provided information on a grant that has been applied for Adverse Childhood Experiences. This is a multi-jurisdictional grant that would cover most of Sullivan County but the person would work out of Claremont Police Department. This grant is a joint effort with SAU 6 and other law enforcement partners. The grant would allow for a person to be hired as an ACERT Coordinator. This person would review police reports where children were either a victim, suspect or witness and work on providing services that are available to the child to deal with the situation. A decision on if the grant will be funded will occur in February 2020.

**At 7:16** Commissioner Courtemanche 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. The motion was voted and passed.

Public Session: The meeting returned to public session at 7:29 pm

Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting due to personnel matters. Commissioner Raymond seconded the motion and it passed and approved.

The next monthly meeting of the Claremont Police Commission was set for February 19, 2020 at 5:30pm and will be located at the Claremont Visitor Center.

Adjourn: **At 7:31 pm** Commissioner Tremblay made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Courtemanche and the motion passed.

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**Prepared by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark T. Chase". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

**Mark T. Chase// Chief of Police**