

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman Robert Minch at 7:36.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Minch, Raymond LaFlamme, Anthony Liquori, Charles Colby, Jerry Young, Ned Lynch, Osborn Warden David Strange, Northern Warden Jeff McGill, Willard Cybulski Warden Esther Torres.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** George Van Tassel, Stephan Minikowski, District Administrator Wayne Choiniski, State Police Trooper Richard Roethlein.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The corrected minutes of the January 16, 2008 were accepted after several typographical errors were noted. (Strange /Colby) Anthony Liquori will make the corrections to reflect the amended minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ray LaFlamme will take over the duties of recording secretary from Anthony Liquori. Chairman Minch commended Anthony for his years of service.
- Chairman Minch asked the representatives from the DOC why the Emergency Notification System (ENS) had not been tested recently. The wardens all assumed that the Somers residents had been receiving the scheduled test notifications. Warden Strange will investigate and determine where the breakdown has occurred. He will report back to the committee at the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The wardens agreed to run a test of the ENS tomorrow, April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Ned Lynch asked how a new resident to Somers would know that an ENS even existed and how would they go about having their name added to the phone tree? Bob Minch will request that that information become part of the annual report that all residents receive. Ned Lynch will draft a letter to the Reminder Newspaper suggesting that anyone interested in having their name added to the phone tree should call Town Hall with their request. Bob Minch will clear the way with Town Hall.
- Bob Minch reported that the missing minutes from the July 18, 2007 meeting were found and have been duly filed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Esther Torres reported that in addition to the regular detail of workers sent to Somers from Willard Cybulski, an additional detail was sent recently to do clean up work near the Scantic River in preparation for an upcoming canoe race.
- Warden Torres informed the committee that Willard Cybulski C.I. has recently run a test simulating inmates refusing to return to the facility from the recreation yard. The simulation included the firing of six non-live rounds, additional staff being called into the facility and a simulated activation of the ENS. A discussion as to why the ENS was only simulated followed. It was felt that such a simulation could easily alarm neighbors and result in unnecessary anxiety. Warden Strange suggested that in the future any

simulation or activity that could be alarming to neighbors would be cause to activate the ENS and notify nearby residents as to the nature of the activity.

**BED COUNT:**

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1150	-2	1104
Northern CI	433	-2	586
Osborn CI	2040	-18	None set
TOTALS	3623	-22	

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned 8:37. (Colby/Torres)

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary  
Town of Somers

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