

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 15, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman Robert Minch at 7:34

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Minch, Raymond LaFlamme, Anthony Liquori, Ned Lynch, Stephen Minikowski, George Van Tasel, Jerry Young, Osborn CI Warden David Strange, Northern CI Warden Jeff McGill, Willard /Cybulski CI Warden Esther Torres.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charles Colby, Lincoln Pease, District Administrator Wayne Choinski, State Police Trooper Richard Roethlein.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2008 meeting.  
(Van Tasel/Liquori)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Marcia Mitchell, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Pinney's secretary, was present to clarify issues pertaining to the Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee's web page on the Town of Somers web site. Marcia also submitted to Chairman Minch the names and phone numbers of fifty Somers residents who have requested that their telephone numbers be added to the Department of Corrections' (DOC) Emergency Notification System (ENS).
- The DOC will erect a snow fence in the usual location on Bilton Road when the time is appropriate.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Review of Significant Incidences or Policy Changes**
  - Osborn CI: Warden Strange reported that Osborn CI is now housing 75 additional inmates dorm style, in the gymnasium at his facility. These inmates are awaiting a trial date and are typically lower level inmates and not considered problematic.
  - Northern CI: Warden McGill reports that 77 inmates have been transferred from his facility since last month.
  - Willard /Cybulski CI: Warden Torres reported that the inmate work crew that was provided to the Somers Board of Education this past summer concluded their assignment on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Jim McFeat from the Bd. of Ed. provided the supervision for the detail. Also, a daily crew of three inmates is assigned to Jim Jenkins to perform various duties throughout the town of Somers. In addition to the afore mentioned work details, additional inmates will be assigned to re-roofing the Somers Police Station and various painting projects at the Somers Fire Station. This detail will be under the supervision of Officer Stannard.
- Ned Lynch asked if there were any DOC outreach programs available. Warden Strange talked about the Cops Program. This program provides students from near by schools an opportunity to tour the Osborn facility and talk with inmates.

- Ned Lynch asked if neighbors would be notified if a released inmate decided to reside in town. The DOC response was only if the released inmate was a sex offender.
- Stephen Minikowski stated that the Somers Fire Department was designing a new fire truck. He asked if the DOC was aware of any changes in their facilities that might impact the design of the truck. The DOC was not aware of any changes.

**BED COUNT:**

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1157	0	1104
Northern CI	394	-52	586
Osborn CI	2011	+20	None set
TOTALS	3562	+8	

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

- A question about the meaning of the different inmate levels and the numbers assigned to those levels was answered by the Chair.
- A question about inmates losing gymnasium time at Osborn CI because of the dorm set-up was asked. Warden Strange responded by informing us that there was a second gymnasium available for inmate use.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:20. (Torres/Van Tasel)

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary  
Town of Somers

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