

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
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, Charles Colby, Lincoln Pease, Stephen Minikowski, George Van Tassel, Jerry Young, Osborn CI Warden David Strange, Neftali Rodriguez representing Northern CI, Ann Cournoyer representing Willard /Cybulski CI.

MEMBERS ABSENT: District Administrator Wayne Choinski.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting carried. (Van Tassel/Liquori)

OLD BUSINESS:

- All committee members have received their letters of reappointment from the Board of Selectmen.
- Chairman Minch has emailed all committee members an updated committee roster with email addresses and telephone numbers.
- It was reported that the downed guard rails on Bilton Road have been replaced.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A list of Somers residents wishing to be added to the Emergency Notification System was submitted to Warden Strange for inclusion.
- George Van Tassel inquired about whether or not the old sewer lines were going to be removed as part of the new sewer line project in Enfield. No one on the committee could answer his query. A short discussion about the sewer project followed.
- Steve Minikowski reported that the Somers Fire Department was investigating the possibility of opening a fire house in Northern Somers. A location in the vicinity of Hall Hill Road and George Wood Road was being considered. A substation in that area would better serve that section of the town, as well as the three prisons. Steve also responded to question about the reported slow response time by AMR to a call from Willard /Cybulski CI, as was reported in the minutes of the January meeting. Steve did not know the details of why the AMR response time was so slow. He did recall that the request for assistance involved the transportation of an inmate to Dempsey Hospital at UConn and that the Somers Fire Department has standing orders not to transport any inmate to Dempsey Hospital at UConn under any circumstances. A trip to UConn would leave the town of Somers uncovered for medical assistance for too long.

- **Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons**

- Osborn CI: Warden Strange reported that things have been “quiet” at Osborn and he had nothing new to report.
- Northern CI: Neftali Rodriguez reported that an inmate stabbing occurred at Northern last month. The assault took place during the inmates’ one hour recreation period and that the “shank” was fashioned from a piece of a metal from a locker. That type of locker has since been replaced.
- Willard /Cybulski CI: Ann Cournoyer reported that a work detail consisting of four inmates and one C.O. from Willard/Cybulski has recently completed a Somers Town Hall project.

BED COUNT:

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1161	0	1104
Northern CI	432	+3	586
Osborn CI	1996	+66	None set
TOTALS	3589	+69	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:05. (Colby/Liquori)

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary
Town of Somers

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