

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 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, Stephen Minikowski, Jerry Young, Osborn CI Warden Carol Chapdelaine, Northern CI Warden Angel Quiros, Willard /Cybulski CI Deputy Warden Ann Cournoyer, District Administrator Michael Lajoie, Charles Colby, and First Selectman David Pinney, ex-officio, was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Van Tasel, Lincoln Pease, Ned Lynch.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting.
(Liquori/Minikowski)

OLD BUSINESS:

- The question raised at the April meeting concerning the disposition of the old sewer line was answered by Chairman Minch. He reported that the old sewer line will be disinfected, plugged and abandoned. The manholes will also be lowered and covered.
- Charles Colby reported pot holes on Billings Road just before Willard CI. Street lights were also reported out near the curve on Billings. Ann Cournoyer will contact the appropriate people to address these issues. Selectman Pinney will also check with the town road crew to insure that they monitor the status of the road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons**
 - Osborn CI: Warden Chapdelaine had nothing to report.
 - Northern CI: Warden Quiros had nothing to report.
 - Willard /Cybulski CI: Deputy Warden Cournoyer had nothing to report.
- Due to the recent changes at the DOC, Chairman Minch will send out an updated list of committee members. Selectman Pinney requested that his name be included as an ex-officio.
- Anthony Liquori asked why there wasn't a sign at the Willard CI. Ann Cournoyer and District Administrator Mike Lajoie will both work to get a replacement sign.
- Chairman Minch inquired about the status of the commissioner's position. District Administrator Lajoie informed the committee that the commissioner's position is a political appointment and that the governor has not named anyone at this time. Brian Murphy is presently the acting commissioner and Mike Strange is the acting deputy commissioner.
- Administrator Lajoie reported that 447 correctional employees took early retirement. He explained that although significant changes in personnel have taken place recently, the

town of Somers was in good shape. Administrator Lajoie gave a brief history of each new warden's experience with the DOC. He stated that each warden was hand picked and he highly endorsed each one.

- Steve Minikowski announced that there will be a fire drill at Osborne CI sometime in the next ninety days. Administrator Lajoie offered to make the drill more realistic, if desired. A mock drill could include as much as a full lock down with tours of the facility. Steve will take this information back to Deputy Chief Falcone.
- Steve Minikowski informed the committee that a DOC work detail has been painting the hallways of the fire station.
- Deputy Warden Cournoyer reported to the committee that a training manual with rules and agreements for those watching or supervising DOC work crews has been created.

BED COUNT:

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1158	-3	1104
Northern CI	421	-11	586
Osborn CI	1958	-38	None set
TOTALS	3537	-52	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:23. (Colby/Liquori)

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary
Town of Somers

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