

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
7:30 p.m.**

**Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman Raymond LaFlamme at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Warden Anne Cournoyer (Northern CI), Charles Colby, Lincoln Pease, Raymond LaFlamme, Ned Lynch, Warden John Tarascio (Willard /Cybulski CI), Bob Minch, Jerry Young, Gary Schiessl, and District I Administrator Angel Quiros substituting for Warden Ed Maldonado (Osborn CI).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Clark.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2014 meeting was passed unanimously. (Colby/Minch)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The transporting of inmates to Dempsey Hospital by the Somers EMTs is still an open issue. There are no meetings planned at this time.
- Charles Colby reported that there are no issues with Bolton Road.
- Warden Tarascio reported that under the direction of Todd Roland, a four day work detail was provided by the DOC for the cleanup project at Camp Ayapo.
- D.A. Quiros reported that the deteriorating buildings around the Robinson CI are on state property but owned by the Town of Enfield. Any work on these buildings will be the Town of Enfield's responsibility. It is rumored that some work is scheduled to be done.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chairman LaFlamme asked the committee members if there was anyone not interested in serving another term on the committee as he will be submitting names to the Board of Selectmen for reappointment before the next meeting. Bob Minch was the only member that requested that his name not be submitted. Bob has served on this committee since its inception in 1991. He served as chairman of this committee for many years and was a leader in establishing the rapport that we now have with the DOC. His wisdom and experienced will be missed. We wish Bob Minch the best and thank him for his years of service to the Town of Somers.
- A motion to change the starting time of future meetings from 7:30pm to 7:00pm was passed unanimously. (Colby/Lynch)
- DA Quiros reported that the DOC is formulating plans and procedures to deal with a possible Ebola case. The focus will be on prevention and screening.

- Fire Chief Schiessl asked who should be notified if Bilton Road is closed, thus preventing shift changes. DA Quiros responded that a call to any of the correctional institutions affected would result in all the correctional institutions being notified. Also, staff would be held until new shift arrives.

### **Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons:**

- **Osborn CI:** DA Quiros reported that all was quiet at Osborn.
- **Northern CI:** Warden Cournoyer reported that there was an unexpected death at Northern. An inmate was found unresponsive in the morning in his single cell.
- **Willard/Cybulski CI:** Warden Tarascio reported that inmate details worked on various Somers community projects during the month of September. Those projects totaled nine days of volunteer service and included projects with the Parks and Recreation Department, Four Town Fair Committee, the Dog Warden, and Camp Ayapo. Warden Tarascio informed the committee of an inmate assault on a correction officer. The officer handled the situation professionally and on his own. Warden Tarascio also stated that such assaults are rare at his facility.

### **BED COUNT:**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Bed Count</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Maximum Capacity</b>
Willard / Cybulski CI	1160	0	1164
Northern CI	238	-17	586
Osborn CI	1982	+10	None set
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3380</b>	<b>-7</b>	

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 was carried unanimously.  
(Minch/Pease)

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen LaFlamme  
Town of Somers

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