

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

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

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: Charles Colby, Raymond LaFlamme, Ned Lynch, Warden John Tarascio (Willard /Cybulski CI), Jerry Young, Eric Platt, District 3 Administrator Pete Murphy, and Warden Ed Maldonado (Osborn CI), Maureen LaFlamme.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Warden Anne Cournoyer (Northern CI), Lincoln Pease, Gary Schiessl, and District 1 Administrator Angel Quiros.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting was passed unanimously. (Colby/Lynch)

OLD BUSINESS:

- The transporting of inmates to Dempsey Hospital by the Somers EMTs is still an open issue. In an email to Chairman LaFlamme, Chief Schiessl was hopeful that he would have some positive news for the committee at our next meeting in April.
- Charles Colby reported that there are no issues with Bilton Road.
- The deteriorating Shaker buildings around the Robinson CI are still a concern. These buildings are unsightly, a safety hazard, and a fire threat, given that there have been numerous suspected arson related fires less than a mile from Robinson CI. Chairman LaFlamme will contact Tophie Nowak, Chair of the Enfield Prison Liaison Committee, in an effort to draw attention to this matter in Enfield.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman LaFlamme asked the committee members if everyone had received an email from the Selectmen confirming their appointment to Prison Liaison Committee for 2015. All answered in the affirmative.
- Chairman LaFlamme informed the Committee of an upcoming Freedom of Information training class on Feb. 4th. The ninety minute session will take place in the Somers Town Hall auditorium. All are encouraged to attend.
- DA Murphy reported that Acting Commissioner Scott Semple has been nominated to become Commissioner of the DOC by Governor Malloy.
- A schedule of upcoming meetings and contact information was passed out for the committee's approval.

Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons:

- **Osborn CI:** Warden Maldonado reported that all was quiet at Osborn.
- **Northern CI:** DA Murphy, all is quiet at Northern.
- **Willard/Cybulski CI:** Warden Tarascio reported that the DOC has received a Federal grant to build a green house on a parcel of land in front of the Cybulski CI. This structure will help with the growing of produce by the inmates. The produce is used to feed the inmate population. Surplus produce is also shared with those in need in the Somers and Enfield area.

BED COUNT:

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard / Cybulski CI	1169	+9	1164
Northern CI	248	+10	586
Osborn CI	2000	+18	None set
TOTALS	3417	+37	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 was carried unanimously.
(Coly/Lynch)

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen LaFlamme
Town of Somers

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