

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2008
7:30 p.m.
Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room**

MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairman Robert Minch at 7:36.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Minch, Raymond LaFlamme, Anthony Liquori, Charles Colby, Ned Lynch, Stephan Minikowski, Lincoln Pease, District Administrator Wayne Choinski, Osborn Warden David Strange, Northern Warden Jeff McGill, Willard Cybulski Warden Esther Torres.

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Van Tassel, Jerry Young, State Police Trooper Richard Roethlein.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2008 meeting. (Pease/Liquori)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Minch introduced Tophie Nowak to the committee. Tophie is the chairperson from Enfield's Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee and was invited to observe our meeting tonight.
- Chairman Minch reported that several emails between member Ned Lynch, himself and District Administrator Wayne Choinski, concerning questions about the administration of the Emergency Notification System (ENS), had taken place since the April meeting. Administrator Choinski explained under what conditions the ENS would be activated and provided a schedule of planned activations to the committee. Several other questions concerning the operation of the phone lists for both Somers and Enfield were also answered by Administrator Choinski.
- Ned Lynch will proceed in drafting an article to be placed in a local newspaper giving Somers residents the opportunity to have their names added to the ENS. Residents will call Town Hall with their requests which will be forwarded to Bob Minch. Bob will then forward those names to Administrator Choinski to be added to the call list.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Warden Torres reported that in addition to the regular detail of four workers sent to the Town of Somers from Willard Cybulski, an additional detail was requested by the Somers Board of Education. The additional detail of six men was provided and is scheduled to work from June 20th to August 22nd.
- Chairman Minch read an email he received from Marcia Mitchell in Town Hall. Marcia was inquiring as to whether committee members would be willing to have their email addresses and/or telephone numbers posted on the Town's website. Most members felt uncomfortable with that concept for privacy reasons. Marcia has offered to attend the next meeting and provide a more detailed explanation.
- Administrator Choinski informed the committee that they will be receiving an invitation, along with state and local officials, to attend an Open-House at each of the correctional facilities in the next few months.

BED COUNT:

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1157	+7	1104
Northern CI	446	+13	586
Osborn CI	1951	-89	None set
TOTALS	3554	-69	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 8:45. (Colby/Liquori)

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary
Town of Somers

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