

**TOWN OF SOMERS
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 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, George Van Tassel, Jerry Young, Charles Colby, Lincoln Pease, Osborn CI Warden David Strange, Northern CI Warden Jeff McGill, Ann Cournoyer representing Willard /Cybulski CI Warden Esther Torres.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Minikowski, District Administrator Wayne Choinski, State Police Trooper Richard Roethlein.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept the minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting as amended. (Van Tassel/Liquori)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Minch reported that the annual report had been submitted and that all committee members should have received a copy via email.
- An additional twelve Somers residents have requested that their names be added to the Emergency Notification System (ENS). The names have been turned over to Warden Strange for inclusion on the phone system.
- Warden Strange submitted the list of scheduled ENS calls for 2009.
- Charles Colby requested that the DOC erect an additional snow fence next year on Bilton Road. He also reported that a street light was out and several guard rails were down on the same road.
- Ned Lynch asked if there was a published phone number a resident could use to call the prison system or DOC. Chairman Minch will send all committee members an up-dated list of the committee members' phone numbers and email addresses via email. This list will include the phone numbers of each prison's Warden which will serve as the contact number.
- A question about which Prison/Public Safety Committee members have been reappointed and notified of their reappointment was asked. Chairman Minch will seek clarification from Marcia and Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons**
 - Osborn CI: Warden Strange reported that the seventy-five inmates that were being housed in the gymnasium have been transferred out of Osborn and that the gymnasium is now available for inmate use.

- Northern CI: Warden McGill reported that his institution participated in the Raising Toys for Tots effort and that the toys donated were turned over to the Somers Lions Club.
- Willard /Cybulski CI: Ann Cournoyer (Warden Torres' representative) reported that the prison work detail assigned to the Town of Somers was suspended due to a lack of funds. Ann also reported that a 911 call placed from Willard/Cybulski in late November did not receive a response from AMR ambulance service until 45 minutes later.

BED COUNT:

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1161	+4	1104
Northern CI	429	+35	586
Osborn CI	1930	-81	None set
TOTALS	3520	-42	

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- A question about the type of fund that was lacking, which resulted in the suspension of the work detail from Willard/Cybulski was asked from the audience. Ann Cournoyer answered that the town did not have the funds for supplies, i.e. paint and roof shingles, for the police station.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:13. (Van Tassel/ Colby)

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary
Town of Somers

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