

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

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman Robert Minch at 7:30

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Minch, Charles Colby, Anthony Liquori, Stephen Minikowski, Jerry Young, Charles Colby, Osborn CI Warden Carol Chapdelaine, Northern CI Warden Angel Quiros, Willard /Cybulski CI Warden Esther Torres, District Administrator Michael Lajoie,.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Raymond LaFlamme, Ned Lynch, Lincoln Pease, George Van Tasel,

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Motion to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting as written. (Lajoie/Liquori)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Willard/Cybulski CI sign is being painted, the lights on Bilton Road are all working and the guard rails have been repaired..
- Snow fences to prevent drifting on Bilton Road will be installed once again.
- A very extensive tour of the Osborne CI both inside and out was conducted by the DOC in conjunction with its working relationship with the Somers Fire Department. In attendance was the Fire Chief, two deputies, ambulance personnel and DOC personnel for a total compliment of approximately 40 persons. Past drill routines were reviewed such as when to enter the facility and merging DOC policy with town policy as well as overall policy and potential problems. The roof was also checked from a fire perspective at that time.
- The sewer system is nearing completion which is anticipated in 6 to 8 weeks, at which time the old system will be disinfected and capped in place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The 2010 quarterly meeting schedule (third Wednesday of the first month of each calendar quarter) was set as follows: January 20, 2010; April 21, 2010; July 21, 2010; and October 20, 2010.
- Member Ned Lynch e-mailed the Chairman with his concern that he did not receive a periodic call although he is on the Call List. His home phone was listed first and his 508 cell number second; it was suggested that these numbers be reversed since there is no rollover to the second number. Osborn Warden Carol Chapdelaine will ensure that the above numbers for Ned are reversed.
- The question was raised as to whether or not the DOC has a website for drills and emergencies. District Administrator Michael Lajoie, indicated that it would be difficult to list all 18 facilities; however, whenever one facility is affected the specific town officials will be appropriately notified.
- **Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons:**
  - Osborn CI: Warden Chapdelaine had nothing to report.
  - Willard/Cybulski CI: Warden Torres had nothing to report.
  - Northern CI: Warden Angel Quiros reported the following incidents:

- July 28th – one homicide, an isolated incident for which the inmate is being prosecuted in the Rockville Superior Court for Capital Felony Homicide;
- September 18th – a serious incident in which two gang-member inmates assaulted a staff member while in a flexible, less restrictive phase two or three.
- September 29th – a code red fire which was quickly extinguished.
- October 15th – all metal lockers from which parts were fashioned or used to make weapons with were removed from all cells.
- District Administrator Lajoie advised relative to the impact of a large number of personnel taking early retirement that the front-line staffing remains the same with no impact on security while there is no back-filling of all positions at the managerial level where there is some impact due to budgetary constraints.
- District Administrator Lajoie advised that there is a DOC Class in place now and that while the overall inmate count continues to go down, it is there could be a decreasing of staff in the future if current trends continue.
- Member Minikowski expressed an interesting stepping down in favor of a younger Fire Department representative and was informed by Chairman Minch that he could accomplish that via First Selectman David Pinney.
- Chairman Minch also expressed a similar interest in stepping down from the chairmanship at some time in the near future after many years of service.

**BED COUNTS:**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Bed Count</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Maximum Capacity</b>
<b>Willard/Cybulski CI</b>	1,153	-5	1104
<b>Northern CI</b>	409	-12	586
<b>Osborn CI</b>	1,970	+12	None set
<b>Totals</b>	3,532	-5	N/A

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05. (Colby/Minikowski)

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Liquori, Jr.  
 For: Raymond J. LaFlamme, Recording Secretary  
 Town of Somers

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