

TOWN OF SOMERS
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 7:30 pm
Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room
AGENDA

- I. Call to order – Acting chairman Raymond LaFlamme called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- II. Roll call – Present were Raymond LaFlamme, Anthony Liquori, Ned Lynch, Jerry Young, Osborn CI Warden Carol Chapdelaine, Northern CI Warden Angel Quiros, Willard Cybulski CI Warden Esther Torres, and District Administrator Michael Lajoie. Not present were Robert Minch, George VanTasel, Charles Colby, Stephen Minikowski and Lincoln Pease.
- III. Minutes approval – Motion (Lynch), second (Lajoie) and unanimous vote to accept minutes as written with minor corrections noted.
- IV. Old Business:
 - New Sewer system has been completed and the old system has been disinfected, capped and buried.
 - Member Ned Lynch has still not received a telephone call via the two phones he provided on the Alert Call System. His family home phone is listed first and his cell phone second, and he would prefer being contacted on his personal cell phone first, since there is a better chance of reaching him directly. These numbers will be reversed.
 - Willard/Cybulski street sign outside the facility is in the process of being built.
 - Snow fence on Bilton Road will be removed and stored sometime in early spring.
- V. New Business
 1. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons
 - (1) Willard Cybulski Warden Torres and Osborn Warden Chapdelaine both had nothing to report.
 - (2) Northern Warden Quiros reported two incidents as follows: On December 22, 2009, an inmate slashed the throat of an officer and the incident is still under investigation. On January 4, 2010, two staff members were assaulted by two inmates who are members of the “blood gang” group. Quiros emphasized that these inmates are in lock-down 23 hours every day and these kind of incidents occur primarily during feeding and recreation times or when moving inmates from one location to another. Additionally, District Administrator Lajoie added that while these incidents are important, the appropriate Somers town officials would be promptly notified of an event deemed to have a significant direct impact outside of the prisons on the Community of Somers and other nearby towns.
 - (3) District Administrator Lajoie said the closing of the Cheshire CI has been completed and the inmates have been placed in other state-wide facilities. This has resulted in an operational reduction of approximately \$12 to \$13 million.
 2. Other New Business
 - a. A brief discussion of the recent televised program regarding violent home invasions in which the Chief State’s Attorney and Senator John Kissel and others discussed a number of topics including the perceived increase in these number of cases in recent years, the

adverse impact of state budgetary constraints on pre-sentence investigations and the mandatory 10-years sentence for first time offenders.

- b. District Administrator Lajoie noted that Connecticut still adheres to the 85% sentencing guideline and that recidivism is down but violent crimes are up. He noted that our Connecticut numbers are down from an estimated approximate number of 20,500 to 18,308 and that due to extensive programming trends are moving in a positive direction. He said class A and B felonies are now down, particularly when compared to Massachusetts statistics, and added fortunately it has been a good run to date, Warden Torres concurred regarding the emphasized programming and observed that many more inmates are not coming back because of it.
- c. District Administrator Lajoie provided a copy of future town projects as outlined by Warden Torres which are tentatively scheduled to begin in March 2010, weather permitting, and are as follows:
 - i) Removal of old shingles and re-roofing of the Police Station and Fire House Storage.
 - ii) Paint main hallway and offices at the Somers Fire Department.
 - iii) Re-roofing of the outdoor pavilion at Field Road Park.
 - iv) Kibbe Fuller School outside construction project (presently unspecified).Lajoie noted these are jointly overseen by Warren Bradway, CI Department Work Operations, and Jeff Stannard, CI Officer, who coordinates with each town department involved.
- d. A joint national disaster drill was scheduled by the National Guard at Windsor Locks and the Enfield Police Department to possibly occur on January 21st, tomorrow, at the Brainerd Park in Enfield, It was uncertain if the drill would actually take place.

VI. Bed count:

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard Cybulski CI	1,154	1	1,104
Northern CI	374	-35	586
Osborn CI	1,986	16	None set
Totals	3,514	18	N/A

VII. Audience comments: None

VIII. Adjournment: Motion (Lynch), second (Lajoie) and unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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