

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, October 16, 2013  
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:** Warden Carol Chapdelaine (Osborn CI), Charles Colby, Tom Clark, Lincoln Pease, Raymond LaFlamme, District Administrator Angel Quiros, Warden Ed Maldonado (Northern CI), Robert Minch, Warden John Tarascio (Willard /Cybulski CI), and Gary Schiessl (Somers Fire Department representative).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jerry Young, Ned Lynch, Marie Leonard.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting as amended was passed. (Colby/Quiros)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Somers Fire Department Chief Gary Schiessl reported that he has met with representatives of the DOC medical staff in an effort to resolve the issue of transporting inmates to Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. Chief Schiessl said that he was pleased with the meeting and that progress has been made. Future meetings are planned.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chief Schiessl was asked about the new "twenty minute rule". The Chief explained that if twenty minutes of good CPR is given to a person suffering from cardiac arrest and there is no response from that person, the person administering the CPR can stop the CPR.
- Chairman LaFlamme said that he received a CT Alert message in August from Osborn informing him that a tactical drill was in progress. Chairman LaFlamme asked the other

members of the committee if they had received the same alert message. They had and it was agreed that the system in place is working well.

- Charles Colby reported that there are four burned out lights on Bilton road. District Administrator Quiros said the he was aware of the lights and that although it wasn't the DOC's responsibility, he will report it.
- Bob Minch asked if the present commissioner is still an acting commissioner. District Administrator Quiros responded that the present commissioner is just acting and a permanent commissioner should be named by November.

**Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons:**

- **Osborn CI:** Warden Chapdelaine reported that the Osborn asbestos abatement project continues and that due to the age of the building, there is asbestos everywhere.
- **Northern CI:** Warden Maldonado reported "status quo" at Northern.
- **Willard/Cybulski CI:** Warden John Tarascio reported that the DOC is making an effort to increase their agricultural production by obtaining the rights to work more of the surrounding fields. He also passed out pictures of some of the work projects at town hall completed by inmate work crews from Cybulski.

**BED COUNT:**

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Cybulski CI	1158	+8	1080
Northern CI	244	-3	586
Osborn CI	2040	-17	None set
TOTALS	3442	-12	

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:04. (Minch/Colby)

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen LaFlamme (acting Recording Secretary)  
Town of Somers

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