

ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 6:00 PM
ENFIELD ROOM

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Roll Call of Members

Present for the meeting were Chairman Rodriguez, Gretchen-Pfeifer Hall, Timothy Slade, Kenneth Edgar, Mike Arnone and Nanci Harvey

Present from the Town of Enfield:

Ellen Zoppo-Sassu - Town Manager

Present from the Department of Corrections:

Jason Chapdelaine, Deputy Warden Willard Cybulski

Margarita Rios, Deputy Warden Carl Robinson

Juan Ibes, Captain Carl Robinson

Present from the Enfield Police Department:

Sargent Daniel Casale

Ellen Zoppo-Sassu introduced herself and noted she has been coming to various committees to learn more about what they do and address any concerns.

Review of Minutes

- a. December 8, 2021
- b. March 9, 2022

Mr. Slade approved the minutes of March 9 2022 and December 8, 2021, Ms. Harvey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Vote: 6-0-0

Old Business

- a. ***Everbridge System*** – Deputy Warden Rios stated they do not currently have an update on that.

Chairman Rodriguez noted they've been going back and forth for a while on the notification system. They used to use Everbridge but believes they use a new system.

Deputy Warden Rios stated they still use Everbridge, but the process has changed a little bit and will have an update at the next meeting.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu questioned what type of alerts the DOC sends out on Everbridge.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated any escapes (those do not happen frequently) and training exercises are typically sent out.

Mr. Slade questioned if there is a list of criteria the DOC can share when they send out the notifications.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated the head of operations would be notified by the warden and send out a notification by the Everbridge system. They would then decide who the message goes out to.

Chairman Rodriguez stated that process is different because each facility used to send out a notification.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated it's important to know that residents don't need to sign up for Everbridge because they'd be notified automatically through the town.

Chairman Rodriguez noted they have another concern regarding the Somers prisons and whether they would get notified should something happen there.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine said he will bring it up to Captain Toccata to find out.

Mr. Slade couldn't find out what system Somers had. He contacted the state police there and they didn't know what Everbridge was.

Chairman Rodriguez stated they have tried several times to contact the Somers Committee to join their meeting to share information.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall believes they disbanded their committee. Donna Szewczak was working hard to get them to join us and the former first selectman told her they disbanded, and he was in charge.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated she did see an email from the first selectman and the committee, she can dig up the emails to find out which were interested or not.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if any of the wardens have been invited to the Somers meetings.

The Wardens stated they have not attended any meetings.

Items for Discussion:

- a. **COVID-19 Update** – Deputy Warden Rios they had 1 inmate that was transferred due to medical complications at CRCI. Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated they currently have 8 staff members and no inmates.

<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(03/2022)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Willard Cybulski Correctional Institute	630	363
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	812	730

b. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons

Chairman Rodriguez heard the sex offenders are allowed to come down below level 2's.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated they have to meet a certain criterion, but some have moved down to level 2's. Willard Cybulski historically has never had any sex offenders and currently they have 10.

Willard max population is 1150. That count might change if they have another closure.

There was a staff assault not too long ago. There was 1 gang activity last year.

Carl Robinson no major incidents. Still renovating bathrooms.

Chairman Rodriguez questioned if there any more level 5 inmates in Somers.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated they are in general population now.

Chairman Rodriguez wanted to welcome Mike Arnone to committee and asked if he had and questions.

Mr. Arnone questioned if the DOC has seen an increase in gang members with all the shootings taking place.

The deputy wardens stated they usually go to McDougal which has a gang rehabilitation program. There are probably 10-12 different affiliations.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall questioned where the Solar facility is going.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted the field in front of Enfield and across the street in the adjacent fields. It is still in the works. There was someone from the State who said there was an endangered species of worms, but as of now it is still on track.

Chairman Rodriguez confirmed the solar panels will feed all the facilities.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall questioned if the farmers are still leasing the property.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu s confirmed there is an application for the planning site but not a date yet because livestock is still grazing there.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall asked if there would be a public hearing because it's a state property.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu s is not sure if there would be a hearing. It depends on the size and length of the lease. You could send letters in for consideration to the site hearing committee.

Adjournment

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall motioned to adjourn at 6:29 PM. Mr. Edgar seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Date of Next Meeting: September 14, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
Alexis Nai
Recording Secretary