

**ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 – 6:00 PM  
ENFIELD ROOM**

**Call to Order**

Timothy Slade called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

**Roll Call of Members**

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

Absent: Chairman Nelson Rodriguez

*Present from the Department of Corrections:*

Jason Chapdelaine, Deputy Warden Willard Cybulski

Warden Zelynette Caron, Carl Robinson

*Present from the Enfield Police Department:*

Lieutenant Held

**Review of Minutes**

- a. June 8, 2022 – Ms. Pfeifer-Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2022, Mr. Arnone seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

**Old Business**

- a. Everbridge System – Deputy Warden Chapdelaine called Director Cotta for information.

Director Cotta noted Everbridge is an internal system that is used internally. CT Alerts is for the public. They've worked with the State police on future communication plans. They will broadcast the alerts if there is a threat to public safety.

Mr. Slade questioned if they would consider an escape as a threat. Would they call the EPD and would EPD put out an alert?

Director Cotta stated the State Police would put out the alert.

Tim confirmed the Warden would contact Troop H.

Director Cotta noted how it is done is there is an electronic map they could draw a map around the radius and send an alert out to those people.

Mr. Slade confirmed if it was Somers's prison, they would contact Troop C and they would send out the alert.

Mr. Slade noted, one thing that bothers him was the failure to send out an alert to the public from an escape from Asnuntuck.

Director Cotta stated he cannot comment on what happened in the past, however, they've made improvements to avoid that in the future.

Ms. Harvey questioned who decides the radius.

Director Cotta noted it depends on the scenario like did they see the escape; do they know how long the prisoner has been gone. He was using the circumference as an example.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall questioned if she could receive the alerts on her cell phone.

Director Cotta told her she can go to CT Alert.com to update her number, they put out alerts all the time such as Amber alerts. They don't have the capability to do the reverse 911 call anymore to landlines.

Mr. Slade noted you have to put your cell phone as the notification number.

Lt. Held noted there could be some redundancy with the Enfield Everbridge system.

- b. Town of Somers Joining Prison Liaison Meetings (Tabled) – Ms. Pfeifer-Hall noted there is no longer a committee.

**Items for Discussion**

- a. COVID-19 Update – Warden Caron stated the numbers have been very low. They have 5 positive inmates. We send them to a covid unit outside the facility. They are in quarantine for 10 days. They do test at 1, 7 and 10 days.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated Willard has no cases right now.

Mr. Arnone questioned where inmates go with any medical.

Warden Caron stated it depends on where the Ambulance takes them, serious injuries they do go to Johnson or UConn.

**b. Report of Population Counts (Wardens)**

<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(06/2022)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Willard Cybulski Correctional Institute	609	630
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	988	812

- c. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons  
No significant incidents or policy changes.

- d. Meeting Schedule for 2023 – Tabled

6. Date of Next Meeting: December 14, 2022

Other – Mr. Slade noted, after the riot at Carl Robinson, there would be a roaming correctional officer outside the fence.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine confirmed there are two officers constantly roaming around.

Mr. Slade questioned if the houses off Taylor Road are occupied.

Warden Caron stated they are used for maintenance.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall asked for an update on the Solar Panels.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated the head of maintenance advised him to get a list of questions to him and he can run them through legal.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall questioned when they will be put in and where they will be located.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine across the street there are 3 or 4 fields, but they've been delayed so he's not sure the exact date. There was an endangered species of worms on the property.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall will email the questions to Deputy Warden Chapdelaine.

Ms. Harvey asked for maintenance contacts for Shaker Pines for the cleanup. She will copy Warden Caron on the communications.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Harvey motioned to adjourn at 6:30 PM Mr. Arnone seconded the motion. All were in favor.