

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

Call to Order

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call of Members

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

Also present: Ken Nelson Jr., Enfield Town Council and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Present from the Department of Corrections:

Jason Chapdelaine, Deputy Warden Willard Cybulski

Deputy Warden Margarita Rios, Carl Robinson

Present from the Enfield Police Department:

Chief Alaric Fox

Review of Minutes

- a. September 14, 2022 – Mr. Slade motioned to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022. Mr. Arnone seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

- a. *Everbridge System* – Mr. Slade had a list of items that were going to be placed on the old pager system and wondered if that same information would be put on the CT alerts system.

Chairman Rodriguez noted he knows they start with a radius based on how long the person had been gone.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted they do include descriptions such as the institution, race, height, weight, eye color, hair color, etc.

Mr. Slade noted the Enfield police are putting out the alert, but he is concerned about the time lag.

Chief Fox noted they would not make any alerts for Somers. That would fall on the State to put out an alert for a Somers incident.

Mr. Slade noted Enfield put out the alert for Enfield and State police did not send out any notifications during prior incidents.

Chief Fox noted they put it out as a courtesy to Enfield residents. As a state issue, alerts involving DOC incidents should be coming from the State Police.

The Department of Corrections would likely notify the State Police. The situation from Asnuntuck was a bit different than a typical escape.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted Director Cotta has stated they have learned many lessons since then and will put out more descriptions in the future.

Mr. Slade noted he did not get a notification for a recent tractor trailer accident when he signed up to receive traffic alerts. He requested to receive a copy of the State Police notifications procedures.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine said he will reach out to Director Cotta to see if he can get a copy.

Chairman Rodriguez asked the Chief if they can get a representative from the state police to see what their procedures are.

Chief Fox said he will reach out to get someone to join the next meeting.

b. Town of Somers Joining Prison Liaison Meetings (Tabled)

Remove from Agenda. Mr. Slade noted the first selectman in Somers is the Committee.

Mr. Arnone questioned since Willard Cybulski is half in Somers, do they still notify Enfield.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted they would absolutely notify Enfield Police of any alerts.

c. Solar Panels

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall noted she received additional details regarding the solar panels. They will be located in the field toward Enfield before Willard.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated they are having funding issues, so it is being delayed. The contract expired and they need a new contract.

Ms. Harvey asked for clarification on the location of the panels. She questioned if it is the field on Shaker Rd. or Tayler Rd.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated it is on Shaker Rd. before the Prison.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall discussed the grassland bird sanctuary the fields on both sides of Taylor Road, the area that goes down to the cottage and on the other side where the houses are. In the map it also says it is on the other side of Willard Cybulski off Taylor Rd. She didn't know if that is a proposal or what was decided in the end.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted everywhere there is high grass is the bird sanctuary, and all the farmland is not being touched.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall noted the conservation committee wanted to know what was preserved and it is preserved in perpetuity.

Items for Discussion

a. COVID-19 Update

No covid positives at both locations, they were doing weekly and now doing monthly. Discussion of taking masks away.

b. . Report of Population Counts (Wardens)

<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(09/2022)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Willard Cybulski Correctional Institute	620	609
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	913	988

Mr. Slade noted the prisons were full a few years ago and they did something to increase capacity.

Chairman Rodrigues said they added beds years ago.

Mr. Slade questioned if the increased capacity.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine did not believe so as there are State capacity requirements.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted they anticipate another closure, likely Cheshire. They parole them or move them around.

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

Carl Robinson

They are renovating five new bathrooms and have two left to do, working on the vocational village.

Willard Cybulski

No incidents to report.

d. Meeting Schedule for 2023

Chairman Rodriguez submitted the scheduled to the Town Manager's office. The next meeting is March 8th

Mr. Arnone questioned a \$66M improvement to Osborn.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted it is a 4-year project to change all the windows. They have a \$70M budget. They must remove asbestos from the facility. They have empty housing units to move residents around.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine noted the DOC currently uses Northern as a training facility. The Commissioner was supposed to save money on Northern, but they couldn't save that amount of money, so they need to completely shut it down.

Mr. Arnone questioned if there a state or federal law if you move to a 110% inmate population around to bring it back down?

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine said he was unsure but will look into it. They have to have a certain number of officers to inmates and beds.

Date of Next Meeting: 2023 Meeting Schedule - March 8th, June 14th, September 13th and December 13th.

Adjournment

Mr. Slade motioned to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Mr. Edgar seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.