

ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM

ENFIELD ROOM

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

Gretchen Pfeifer -Hall called the meeting to order at 6:01

Roll Call of Members

Present for the meeting were Mike Arnone, Nanci Harvey, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Kenneth Edgar, Keely Oulette

Also Present from the town - Cynthia Mangini – Town Council and Alexis Nai Recording Secretary

Nicole Thibeault, Warden Osborn CI
Nathan Alexander, Deputy Warden Robinson CI
Captain James Held, Enfield Police Department
Ashley Mcarthey, Warden Cybulski CI

Selection of Chairperson and Co-Chairperson – Gretchen motioned to appoint Nanci Harvey as Chairperson and Mike Arnone as Co-Chairperson. Ms. Oulette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, **Vote 5-0-0**.

Review of Minutes

- a. December 10, 2025 – Tabled to September as December was not sent out to the group.

New Business

- b. *Discussion on the impact of Correctional Officer overtime on facility safety protocols and overall community safety-*

Carl Robinson staffing levels are adequate, and no posts are being closed. Hospital trips continue at a steady volume, but there are no staffing concerns impacting community safety. When questions arise, staff err on the side of caution.

- c. *Update on recent facility assault incident(s)*

An internal investigation is underway regarding an incident involving minimal force. Internal Affairs is reviewing the matter to determine whether any policy violations occurred. A corrections ombudsman is in place to advocate for inmate rights. At Osborn, no assaults have been reported since Warden Thibeault assumed her role.

- d. Confirmation of 2026 Quarterly Meeting Dates

- March 11, 2026, June 10, 2026, September 9, 2026 and December 9, 2026

5. Old Business

a. Update on the physical agility training moved from Enfield CI to Willard Building
There is currently no open application process. Before the transition, two individuals entered the Willard Building without authorization. The building is maintained and equipped with security cameras; however, on that day, the door appeared to have been pried open. The individuals ran through the building, took photographs, and then left.

b. Progress report on solar field project
Warden McCarthy reported that there have been few updates. Warden Thibeault noted that, except for Cybulski, the facilities are connected.

c. Update on Food Shelf initiative (presented by Bob Hendrickson)
Warden Thibeault explained that one work crew had been supervised by a non-DOC individual and supported by the same inmate. A retired Robinson correctional officer transported the inmate to and from the assignment. After learning that Mr. Bell no longer wished to continue in that role, the arrangement was discontinued without his participation.

d. Overview and update on drug-related issues within the prison

Incidents are decreasing, although Osborn continues to have a high volume of medical trips. Mail scanners have helped reduce incidents, which tend to occur in waves. Only a small percentage of mail is contaminated, and individuals involved are transferred to a higher-security facility when identified.

2. Items for Discussion

a. Update and discussion on the Inmate Work Detail program with Michael Arnone
Mr. Arnone contacted Ray Stoddard in Suffield to discuss how to propose inmate work assistance when unions are involved. The town would pay the supervising officer, but the workers would be non-union, without benefits, and assigned to shorter workdays. The next step is to consult with Human Resources, the Town Attorney, and town officials about hiring a retired DOC employee to supervise a work crew for projects around town.

Warden Thibeault noted that DOC continues to seek work furlough opportunities. Pursuit Aerospace has opened a training facility at Osborn and Robinson. Companies interested in partnering with DOC should contact Warden Thibeault or Warden McCarthy.

Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall stated that a Conservation Commission member attended a conference where a rare frog was identified near the cabin on prison property. The area is on DEEP property, but access requires crossing DOC property. Warden Thibeault said she would determine the appropriate contact.

Warden Thibeault noted that access appears possible from DOC's perspective, pending confirmation of the appropriate process.

- b. Overview of current projects at Somers and CRCI Facilities – Osborn – Window project still going on. Finishing one housing unit and then taking a break until next summer.
- c. Report on Population Counts (Wardens' Update)
 - Osborn – 1180
 - Robinson – 1245
 - Cybulski - 601
- d. Review of significant incidents or policy changes at prisons - NA
- e. Change name of committee from Prison/Town Committee to Correctional Institution/Town Committee

Date of Next Meeting: September 9, 2026

Adjournment

Mr. Edgar moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. Councilor Mangini seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **Vote: 5-0-0**