

**ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM
ENFIELD ROOM**

Call to Order

Timothy Slade called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Roll Call

Present from the committee:

Timothy Slade, Steven Niemitz, Kenneth Edgar, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall and Nanci Harvey

Absent: Chairman Nelson Rodriguez

Present from the Department of Corrections:

Jason Chapdelaine – Deputy Warden, Willard Cybulski

Ruben Burgos – Deputy Warden, Carl Robinson

Absent

Eulalia Garcia, District Administrator

Nick Rodriguez, District Administrator

Zelynette Caron, Warden Carl Robinson

Nicole Thibeault, Warden Willard Cybulski

Aesha Mumin, Deputy Warden Willard Cybulski

Present from the Enfield Police Department

Captain Jeffrey Golden

Review of Minutes

a. June 6, 2021 – Mr. Edgar motioned to approve the minutes of June 6, 2021 with the change to remove Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall as absent. Nanci Harvey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New Business

None

Old Business:

a. *Recruitment of New Committee Members* – No update.

b. *COVID-19 Update* – Warden Burgos stated there are no inmates in the quarantine unit. There are two inmates out of quarantine.

Mr. Slade stated last they met the inmates were resisting vaccinations. He was curious if that is still the case and what the DOC is doing to encourage vaccines.

Warden Burgos stated they have been combating resistance with educating inmates. They cannot force them to get vaccinated. They do perform weekly testing.

Mr. Slade noted the State mandate for employees and questioned if that has encouraged higher vaccination rates.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated it didn't really change anything. Even if you are vaccinated, you still must be tested weekly.

c. Report of Population Counts (Wardens)

<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(06/2021)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Willard Cybulski Correctional Institute	317	305
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	732	642

e. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons

Willard Cybulski

Yesterday they had their first staff death from Covid. The individual did get Covid from Florida. He was healthy and no known underlying conditions.

The committee gave their condolences.

Carl Robinson

Deputy Warden Burgos stated there are no policy changes. They are undergoing a large bathroom renovation that will take place about two years. They are about a month behind.

f. Update on the Closing of Enfield Correctional Facility – Another closure at Radgowski Correctional Center was announced today most will be sent to McDougall Walker CI.

g. Update on Town of Somers Joining Prison Liaison Meetings

h. Everbridge System (Tabled) – Mr. Slade said he did receive a notification for a recent training taking place.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall noted she was aware that the State was looking to put a solar field on Shaker Road.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated he had someone from the state notify him that they would be putting it in.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall questioned if it is it a done deal.

Deputy Warden Chapdelaine stated it sounds like it is but does not know the details.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall stated she was understanding it was coming from governor's office. They are on the headwaters of freshwater brook. Whatever happens upstream impacts downstream and the State is exempt from going in front of commissions for permitting. She is concerned that it will have environmental impacts.

Captain Golden noted the CREST training was a huge success. They had negotiators and unruly inmates. They had drones, canines and recovery teams. The feedback from everyone involved was

awesome. Things are very good and have the great partnership. They had a lot of lessons were learned to avoid issues in live situations.

Open Forum and Public Participation

None

Date of Next Meeting: December 8, 2021

Adjournment

Mr. Edgar motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM. Captain Golden seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.