

ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Wednesday September 11, 2024

6:00 PM ENFIELD ROOM

Call to Order

Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Roll Call of Members

Present for the meeting were Kenneth Edgar, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Mike Arnone, Timothy Slade, Bob Hendrickson town council.

Absent: Nanci Harvey, Chairperson Nelson Rodriguez

Present from the Town of Enfield

Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Present from the Department of Corrections:

Warden Zelynette Caron – Robinson CI

Warden Nicole Thibeault – Willard Cybulski CI

Present from the Enfield Police Department:

Lt. Held

Review of Minutes

a. June 12, 2024 –

Mr. Slade made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2024, Mr. Edgar seconded the motion minutes were approved.

Vote: 4-0-0

New Business

a. Speeding noticed by correctional facility

Warden Thibeault - This was from a Somers resident reported directly to Warden Thibeault. She has addressed it accordingly. They can easily do a roll call memo if that is what is being requested.

Old Business

a. Physical agility

Warden Thibeault – toured the building and it is going to be used for the physical agility test.

b. New Soccer field

The DOC and Town only knows where the location will be. They do not have any updates.

c. Solar update – Ms. Pfeifer-Hall noted there are a lot of panels on the hill.

Warden Thibeault noted Osborn will be live first with Solar. The solar in front of the Enfield facility - half are from Enfield and half are for Willard. They have not broke ground for Cybulski.

Warden Thibeault noted that the Osborn Wardens were not on the invitation to this meeting. If we would like them to attend, they requested to forward the invitation.

Items for Discussion:

a) COVID-19 Update – Warden Thibeault noted there has been a small uptick in Covid. The CO's do not have any covid time, so they must use their sick time.

Warden Caron stated there has been no covid positive in a while at Robinson.

b) Projects at Facilities

c) Report of Population Counts

		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(6/2024)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Cybulski Correctional Institute	607	610
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	1048	1065
Osborn		1158	1156
(Level 1 = 120, Level 2 = 561, Level 3 = 340)			

d) Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons

Willard Cybulski – there was a watermain break near the swamp area. It took them a while to find it because it was near a swamp. It was repaired the same day and cleared the following day. The agency immediately obtained port a potties, hand washing stations and bottled water. They kept the inmates informed and it seemed to go well.

Willard – Warden Thibeault noted they have a pilot with a food waste compost program thru UConn.

Ken Edgar questioned where the canine Olympics are located

Warden Thibeault noted they will be back behind the cabin.

Slade noted that originally the towns who had prisons in them were to meet quarterly with the DOC and after speaking with Carol Hall, they said it was up to the DOC to decide the meetings and wondered if Chairperson Rodriguez had any updates.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall noted she did not receive an update on the topic.

Mike Arnone questioned the Wardens if they think it is in the best interest to create memorandum of understanding to not repurpose empty DOC facilities as an immigration detention center.

Warden Thibeault noted Immigration detention centers are federal and this is a state building. Our administration has never said anything about turning it into an immigration detention center or selling it.

Council person Hendrickson noted Connecticut is not a sanctuary state, we have sanctuary cities, but we are not a sanctuary state.

Warden Thibeault noted the food pantry requested assistance with a work crew to spread the stone at the senior center (a one-day deal), long term – janitorial crew to clean up at the food bank. They scheduled the day to lay the stone. There were some concerns because the person who owns the creamery asked them to bag up the manure while they were out working. They need to get a contract in place.

She asked why DPW cannot spread the stone.

Counsel person Hendrickson noted it was a rotary club garden not town property.

Lt. Held noted the Hartford community court will take request for other towns.

Warden Thibeault there is a unit in Cybulski that was supposed to be strictly for veterans 30-35 inmates. Somers had reached out and were interested in using their guys in their veteran cemetery. The same unit is fundraising for Enfield food pantry. If the Town has anything regarding veterans' projects, please let her know.

Adjournment

Kenneth Edgar motioned to adjourn at 6:40. Tim Slade seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 4-0-0

Date of Next Meeting: December 11, 2024