

ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Wednesday December 11, 2024
6:00 PM ENFIELD ROOM

Call to Order

Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Members

Chairperson Rodriguez, Kenneth Edgar, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Timothy Slade

Absent: Mike Arnone, Nanci Harvey

Present from the Town: Bob Hendrickson Town Council

Also Present:

Nicole Thibeault, Warden Cybulski Correctional
Patrick Michaud, Deputy Warden Osborn Correctional
Robert Martin, Warden Osborn Correctional
Captain Held, Enfield Police Department

Review of Minutes

a. September 11, 2024

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall motioned to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024, as amended. Mr. Slade seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Vote: 4-0-0

New Business

a. Set Meeting Dates for 2025

- a. March 12, 2025
- b. June 11, 2025
- c. September 10, 2025
- d. December 10, 2025

Mr. Edgar motioned to approve the meeting dates for 2025. Ms. Pfeifer-Hall seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting dates were approved.

Vote: 4-0-0.

b. Begin inviting Somers Warden to the quarterly meeting as the committee requested

Warden Martin stated Deputy Warden Brian Moore attended the last meeting since the warden at Osborn does not live locally. Deputy Warden Moore will be attending the meetings on a more frequent basis.

The Committee extended their appreciation for Somers participation in the meetings.

Old Business

- a. Update on the physical agility training moved from Enfield CI to Willard Building COPAT

Warden Thibeault noted the trainings were held at Enfield, now held at Willard because the facility is in better condition. They do not anticipate having another training until fall of next year. If we get a population spike, they would like to ensure Willard is in good condition to re-open.

The timing depends on the number of applicants. The last round was 500-600 applicants for a few weeks training. Not all applicants stay the course, and it will be months on end before they make it through all the phases of DOC training.

- b. Update on new soccer field location

Warden Thibeault noted there were not any updates from the DOC side.

Bob Hendrickson stated there was a meeting with the mayor and it seems like it is going to move forward. The location will be across from the Shaker soccer fields.

- c. Update on solar field –

Warden Thibeault stated Cybulski has not broken ground yet on their solar. Enfield is complete. Part of it is to run Enfield and part of it is to run Willard. Cybulski's solar field will be in front of Cybulski.

Ms. Pfeifer-Hall asked if that is where the gardens used to be.

Warden Thibeault noted there have not been any gardens recently.

Items for Discussion:

- a. Projects at Facilities

Food Shelf – Mr. Hendrickson stated there was a request for Enfield Food shelf from Kathleen to clarify items with the contract.

Warden Thibeault reached out to the person who manages their contracts and has not heard back from her.

Bob Hendrickson said their contact manager at the Food Shelf was working on their checklist and should be reaching out shortly.

He also mentioned there was a request a for work at the veteran cemetery.

Warden Martin stated there is a liability waiver that was requested, and the DOC does not waive liability on the Town, and it has never come up until they were asked to do work for the

cemetery. DOC is responsible for their medical care. If they were to sue the town civilly for an injury, they could not indemnify the town or the non-profit.

Bob Hendrickson and Chairperson Rodriguez will discuss the issue to see if they can resolve it.

Warden Thibeault noted Anne Cournoyer, the First Selectman and Fire Chief toured the Somers Prisons. The Committee noted it would be great if Somers would come join the Enfield meetings.

Warden Martin noted they are still doing the window projects at Osborn. The plan is to have the heating regulated better with sealed windows. They are in the first phase. They are putting out to bid in the second phase of the contract. It will last another year or two years. In totality it will take about three years to complete. The lighting system is better. They cannot just open the window and throw items out. There is a safety knob to open the window.

They have done three housing units. They had the administration area done. They are emptying the blocks completely when they are being worked on. When the kitchens are being worked on, they used the gym to feed the inmates. They did hospital one and are working on hospital two. When the contractor takes over the area, they shut the entire area down.

At Robinson they are doing a training program to make airplane tools for Pursuit. At Cybulski there is a furlough program where the inmates are going to Pursuit.

A lot of things for the State are done at Osborn, uniforms for the DOC and inmates, Police department mattresses for lockup, clean up for the fire departments equipment during the recent fire season.

Warden Thibeault noted she sent out a roll call memo about speeding. The wardens hold them accountable.

b.

<u>b Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(9/2024)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Cybulski Correctional Institute	602	607
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	1064	1048
Osborn		1182	1158
(Level 1= 120, Level 2 = 561, Level 3 = 340)			

c. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons – None
Timothy Slade – State Law and Town Ordinance – bob

Date of Next Meeting: March 12, 2025

Adjournment

Ms. Pfeiffer-Hall motioned to adjourn at 6:33 PM. Mr. Slade seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Vote: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Nai
Recording Secretary