

ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 – 6:00 PM
ENFIELD ROOM

Call to Order

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

Roll Call of Members

Chairperson Nelson Rodriguez, Kenneth Edgar, Gretchen Pfeifer-Hall, Timothy Slade, Mike Arnone and Nanci Harvey.

Present from the Town: Cynthia Mangini and Bob Hendrickson Town Council and Alexis Nai, Recording Secretary

Also Present:

Nicole Thibeault, Warden Cybulski Correctional
Captain Held, Enfield Police Department

Review of Minutes

- a. December 11, 2024 – Mr. Slade motioned to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024 with the correction to the time to 6 PM, Veterans Cemetery to St. Patrick's cemetery to clear veterans plots. Mr. Edgar Seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Vote: 6-0-0

New Business

Add Somers wardens onto the email distribution.

Old Business

- a. Update on the physical agility training moved from Enfield CI to Willard Building – Warden Thibeault stated it went well. They are not going to do it again until the fall. They are on a hiring freeze until July 1st.
- b. Update on new soccer field location (Bob Hendrickson) – Warden Caron does not have an update. Mr. Hendrickson noted they are waiting on the state. They just did a walk through.
- c. Update on solar field – Enfield on the hill the Willard is not running yet as of last month. Enfield is producing 36k kilowatt hours. Osborn 455K kilowatt hours – Robinson 32k kilowatt hours. Cybulski is supposed to be breaking

ground this year. Enfield and Somers fire departments received diagrams for emergency shut offs.

- d. Food shelf (Bob Hendrickson) – Mr. Hendrickson stated he was working with a Cheryl Santos.

Warden Thibeault stated Cheryl Santos handles grants. The contract was proposed to the DOC. She will follow up with Campanelli.

Mr. Hendrickson stated a retired guard is trying to get a guard and a custodian to help at the food shelf. There's a packet that was sent in and they are waiting for approval. If this works out okay, Loaves and Fishes is looking for a similar program. They are waiting to see how this works out with the food shelf.

Warden Thibeault noted she just had an officer retire who is looking for a similar opportunity.

The food shelf is looking for the garden help again. He will establish a date and get back to Warden Thibeault.

Items for Discussion:

- b. Projects at Facilities Somers, CRCI, Cybulski.
 - i. Somers is still working on the windows project.
 - ii. Cybulski was working on remodeling bathrooms.
 - iii.

- c. Report of Population Counts (Wardens)

<u>Report of Population Counts</u>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(12/2024)</u>
Warden Thibeault	Cybulski Correctional Institute	616	602
Closed	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	0
Warden Caron	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	1061	1064
Osborn		1198	1182

- d. Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes at Prisons
 - i. K-2 – synthetic marijuana has taken the facilities by storm. It's coming in as legal mail. They are soaking the paper in k-2 and other drugs. They have been catching it in Cybulski. They have been having unresponsive inmates. Some inmates can be aggressive depending on what was laced with K-2. What you can do to detect it is hold it up to the light. It has been challenging. Osborn has been on lockdown. They are trying to get the staff educated at Cybulski.

The lieutenants hand out the legal mail with gloves on to reduce exposure. The medical services are making sure there is plenty of

Narcan. They are looking to see if there is a machine that can scan to detect the drugs, but it's very expensive.

Chairperson Rodriguez questioned about the murder at Suffield McDougal-Walker.

Warden Thibeault noted they must interview every inmate and guard at that house. One of them requested a cell change and was ignored.

The scrutiny is whether they were appropriate cell mates, was it mentally health screened appropriately, etc.

Warden Thibeault noted the biggest issue they currently have is the budget.

The commissioner had to testify in New Haven for the death in 2019 and the state settled. The ombudsman makes tours every facility making sure all inmates get proper medical care and ensure there's no excessive use of force.

Correctional appreciation week of May 5th. Asking local businesses to donate gift cards – one day will be a cookout, the other four days will be gift bags/raffles. Some trinkets for the week. They share it with nurses' appreciation week. Some towns will get food donated.

Nancy Harvey stated they have the Crescent Lake board meeting tomorrow and will be donating.

Chairperson Rodriguez stated he will call some restaurants to see if he can get some donations going for the corrections officers.

Date of Next Meeting: June 11, 2025

Adjournment

Ms. Harvey motioned to adjourn at 6:36 PM. Mr. Slade seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned.

Vote: **6-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Nai
Recording Secretary