

**ENFIELD PRISON/TOWN LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2018 – 6:00 PM  
THOMPSONVILLE ROOM – ENFIELD TOWN HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Enfield Prison/Town Liaison Committee was held in the Thompsonville room at the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street on March 14, 2018. Chairman Nowak called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present from the Committee: Chairman Tophie Nowak, Nelson Rodrigues, Kenneth Edgar and Carmella Brennan

Present from the Enfield Police Department: Captain Jeff Golden

Present from Department of Corrections:

District Administrator Angel Quiros  
Warden William Murphy – Carl Robinson  
Deputy Warden Nelson Ramos – Carl Robinson  
Deputy Warden Zelynette Caron – Carl Robinson  
Deputy Warden Patricia Kupec – Willard Cybulski  
Captain Jeffrey Jeannotte – Carl Robinson  
Captain Margarita Rios – Carl Robinson

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Nelson moved to accept the minutes for September 13, 2017 with the updated changes, all were in favor.

Mr. Nelson moved to accept the minutes for December 13, 2017, all were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

<i>Report of Population Counts</i>		<u>Current Qtr.</u>	<u>(09/2017)</u>
Warden Tarascio	Willard Cybulski Correctional Institute	1136	1108
Warden Cournoyer	Enfield Correctional Institute	0	361
Warden Murphy	Carl Robinson Correctional Institute	1479	1422

Willard Cybulski Update

Deputy Warden Kupec stated they participated in the Friends of the Enfield library project. They had a recent discussion with the town manager on Fourth of July celebration. They will be sending three Correctional Officers and 14 inmates to help with the setup of the celebration. Willard Cybulski inmates are still working with

Asnuntuck on the education program. The current students currently consist of six inmates and six in halfway houses. Forty Five inmates are participating in the Asnuntuck Pell program. The increase came from transfers from other facilities. Warden Kupec discussed the Asnuntuck program in further detail.

#### Carl Robinson Update

Warden Murphy stated they are finishing the LED project, and camera project.

Mr. Rodrigues questioned what the camera projects entail.

Warden Murphy stated they are upgrading the current camera systems.

Mr. Rodrigues questioned what the maximum capacity for inmates at the facility is.

Warden Murphy stated 1489.

#### Enfield Update

Deputy Warden Ramos stated the facility is completely empty. The last inmate left January 23, 2018. Staff rotated out to other facilities and an itemization of all equipment has been complete. The grounds will be maintained and the facility will remain ready in case the count spikes. Willard Cybulski will be maintaining the grounds.

District Administrator Quiros stated they have the facility ready to go for potential inmate spikes because based on projections, inmate populations/crime tends to increase throughout the end of summer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Nowak questioned if there any additional significant changes planned in the correctional system.

District Administrator Quiros stated they are currently focusing on the healthcare delivery service. That is the biggest project/change.

Rodriguez questioned if they could elaborate on the prison escape.

District Administrator Quiros stated that they have several officers on administrative leave and the Connecticut State Police investigation is underway. Next, an internal affairs investigation will be complete. The offender was caught in Georgia. District Administrator Quiros stated he could not release details because the issue is still under investigation.

Mr. Rodriguez questioned as a member of the community, should the public be worried about this happening again.

The attending officers from Carl Robinson all agreed that the proper steps have been taken to ensure this does not happen again.

District Administrator Quiros stated he is very comfortable that the proper policies are in place (if followed) and are solid. This helped us out state wide when auditing other facilities that they too have the proper securities in place to avoid another escape like this again.

Chairman Nowak questioned what the escaped inmate's sentence would be.

D.A. Quiros stated the maximum sentence is 10 years. The inmate will reside at Northern Correctional for the remainder of his sentence. Around 7 or 8 pm the evening of the escape, there were about 90 law enforcement people looking for the inmate. There was a lot of good collaboration between various agencies.

D.A. Quiros stated the DOC community is sorry for the escape. The public hires the DOC to protect the public and ensure the proper measures have been taken.

Warden Murphy stated they are extremely apologetic to the community for the incident. They have made changes to ensure this will never happen again.

Captain Golden noted there was recently an award ceremony where the Enfield PD awarded the DOC canine unit for their cooperation. The entire canine unit attended and was very impressed with their dedication. The Town greatly appreciated their attendance as well.

Chairman Nowak questioned if the DOC facilities have had any issues with winter weather.

D.A. Quiros stated they lost power in Cheshire, but the generators kicked in. The largest struggle is usually getting staff into the facility, but there were not any issues.

District Administrator Quiros noted Warden Cournoyer retired March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Enfield facility was one of the smoothest closures that he has experienced thanks to Warden Cournoyer and Deputy Warden Ramos' leadership.

Chairman Nowak questioned if what is happening to the garden programs that were done at Enfield.

D.A. Quiros stated those programs are on hold at the moment. The farm animal rescue was closed in 2016 due to budget cuts.

Warden Murphy stated the puppy program went from Enfield to Osborne.

Captain Jeannotte stated the puppy program is flourishing in Osborn

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Brennan motioned to adjourn at 6:26 PM, Mr. Edgar second the motion. All in favor.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 13, 2018 6:00 PM. Thompsonville Room, Enfield Town Hall.