

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) Minutes
Regular Meeting – December 4, 2018 at 5:00 pm
Newtown Municipal Center (Meeting Room #1)
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

Members Present: First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Warden Anthony Corcella, Deputy Warden Darlene Borges, Jay Mattegat, Patrick Reilly

ABSENT: Gino Faiella, Chief James Viadero, Neil Chaudhary, Bruce Clark, Joy Previdi, Stephen Sedensky

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: no action; no quorum.

Deputy Warden Borges was introduced and has assumed the role of Programs and Treatment. Deputy Warden Borges started her career in 1995 in Cheshire and raised through the ranks becoming Deputy Warden in 2013. She is a great addition to the team as she has worked at Garner before and knows the facility as well as the type of inmate population.

Warden's Report: The current population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 545 which includes 115 un-sentenced and 430 sentenced. The level breakdown in level 5 is at five, level 4 is at four hundred twenty two, level 3 is at eighty four, level 2 is at twenty four and level 1 is at ten. The general population of offenders is 266; mental health is at 279. Lower level inmates take care of the grounds.

Supervisor rank staffing is full. Correctional officer staffing levels are at 90%. The status of the facility is good as well as morale. There will be a job fair for jobs within the Dept. of Corrections.

The tablet project was under Commissioner Semple, who will be retiring. Inmates would be able to purchase books and movies and be able to communicate with staff. There will be no access to the outside world. The thought is this will assist with inmate transition back into society upon release.

The theater program will put on a presentation in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their special meeting 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, clerk

