

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 5, 2019 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, Jay Mattegat, Patrick Reilly, Neil Chaudhary, Stephen Sedensky, Chief Viadero

ABSENT: Gino Faiella, Joy Previdi

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: Chief Viadero moved to accept the minutes of September 4, 2018. Mr. Clark seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Clark moved to accept the minutes of December 4, 2018. Mr. Reilly seconded with one correction: Deputy Warden Danielle Borges name was incorrectly spelled in minutes. All in favor of the minutes as amended.

Public Participation: none.

Warden's Report: The current population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 568 which includes 140 un-sentenced and 428 sentenced. The level breakdown in level 5 is at six, level 4 is at four hundred thirty nine, level 3 is at eighty seven, level 2 is at twenty eight and level 1 is at eight. The general population of offenders is 258; mental health is at 310.

Supervisor rank staffing is full. Correctional officer staffing levels are at 85%. There is enough staff in the building, if there is not enough to fill the mandatory posts, they hire on overtime. The status of the facility is good as well as morale. The job fair yielded over 6,000 applicants and was pared down to 4,000 proceeding with the process. A new ability test is conducted at the closed Enfield prison. Five new correctional officers were recently hired as well as a culinary teacher.

Department of Correction changes: Commissioner Semple retired January 1st. Deputy Commissioner Monica Rinaldi also retired. Gov. Lamont has appointed Rollin Cook as the Commissioner of Corrections, but he has not yet been confirmed. The Deputy Commissioner is Angel Quiros; he was previously a district administrator. Interviews are being held for warden and deputy warden positions.

The Governor is looking at closing two housing units at Northern; two cottages at Manson Youth Institution and one unit at the Bridgeport Correctional Center.

Stephen Sedensky reported the investigation into the death of an inmate Jones found no criminal responsibility on the part of the correction staff/facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

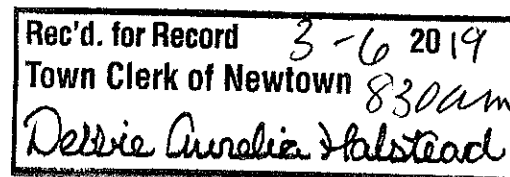
Action on 2019 meeting calendar: Mr. Reilly moved to accept the 2019 meeting calendar as presented (att). Mr. Clark seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their special meeting 5:13 p.m.

Att: 2019 meeting calendar

Respectfully submitted,
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2019 Meeting Schedule

The Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) will hold meetings at 5:00 pm in Meeting Room #1 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT as follows:

Tuesday	March 5
Tuesday	June 4
Tuesday	September 3
Tuesday	December 3