

**Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner)**  
**Regular Meeting – March 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm**  
**Newtown Municipal Center, Council Chamber**

**Members Present:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Warden Craig Washington, Chief Kullgren, Bruce Clark. Matthew Mihalcik joined the meeting as the Legislative Council representative.

**ABSENT:** Joy Previdi, Jay Mattegat, Stephen Sedensky, Jennifer Chaudhary, Patrick Reilly and Bob Gerbert

First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. noting there was not a quorum.

**Public Participation:** none.

**Minutes:** The minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum.

**Warden's Report:**

The current inmate population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 465 which includes 256 sentenced and 209 un-sentenced. There are two general population units, the rest are mental health. There are 8 Level 5 inmates (in administrative segregation), 311 Level 4 inmates, 118 Level 3 inmates, 26 Level 2 inmates and 2 Level 1 inmates. Of the mental health population 30 are Level 5 (severe), 322 are Level 4, 29 are Level 3, 56 are Level 2 and 28 are Level 1.

Incidents are averaging about 90 per month. Staffing is at 82%. Sixteen additional officers are anticipated which will bring staffing levels to 87%/88%. The facility strives for 92%.

117 staff members tested positive for COVID last quarter, as did 98 inmates. The facility continues to be sanitize, monitor and wipe down common areas. In person visits were reinstated the end of February.

The gardening program will begin again in a courtyard within the facility.

An announcement from the Commissioner relative to closing a facility has been delayed as there has been an increase in incarcerations since the court system has reopened.

Chief Kullgren informed Warden Washington of the PD drone resources and will connect to plan a drill in the near future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2022 in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center at 5:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the meeting ended at 5:12p.m.

*Susan Marcinek, clerk*

