

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) Minutes
Regular Meeting – June 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm
Newtown Municipal Center (Meeting Room #1)
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

Members Present: First Selectman E. Patricia Llodra, Warden Henry Falcone, Garner Correctional Facility, Jay Mattegat, Joy Previdi, Stephen Sedensky.

Also Present: one member of the press.

ABSENT: Chief James Viadero, Neil Chaudhary, Bruce Clark, Rob Manna, Gino Faiella.

First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: Ms. Previdi moved to accept the minutes of March 7, 2017. Warden Falcone seconded. All were in favor.

Warden's Report: The current population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 539, which includes 124 unsentenced. There are 183 in general population, 356 mental health inmates. Mental health inmates are housed by functionality and are involved in programs and assessed regularly. Mental health inmates approaching parole are interviewed regularly prior to parole; if they decompensate after release the parole officer can send them back to Garner for observation. Because they are still under Garner supervision the parole officer can return them without prejudice. Once they are stabilized they can be released again.

There are no layoffs due to budget, at this point, and the facility is 90% staffed. There will be some retirements.

The library will be opening at the end of the June and will be staffed with three volunteers, including Mark Aldrich, who was the librarian prior to retirement. First Selectman Llodra spoke of the wonderful shows put on by the inmates and encouraged everyone to attend future shows.

There will be a garden this year that will supply vegetables to food pantries, Nunnawauk Meadows and directly to Garner.

Assaults within the facility are down. Mental health inmates are in programs.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a tour of Garner open to local and state officials on June 22 at 10am. Warden Falcone announced he will be retiring on August 1, after over 25 years with the Department of Corrections – 11 of those at Garner.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their regular meeting at 5:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Marcinek, clerk

