

CHESHIRE PRISON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

**CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT
500 HIGHLAND AVENUE
CHESHIRE CT 06410**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014

Committee Members Present: Representing the Town of Cheshire: Joseph Holstein, Margie Rodgers. From the correctional institutions: Scott Erfe, John Alves, Glenn Noffsinger, Daniel Murphy and Bryan Viger. Representing the Cheshire Police Dept.: Brian Pichnarcik.

Guests Present: None.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Lt. Brian Pichnarcik. The assembled body saluted the flag. Introductions were made.

Acceptance of minutes: MOTION by Brian Pichnarcik; seconded by Margie Rodgers. To accept the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting as presented. VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Update on the Cheshire Facilities:

Warden Scott Erfe, Warden of the Cheshire Correctional Institution (CCI) and Cheshire Annex, reported a census of 1433 inmates, with 53 inmates in overflow status. They did have one incident of significance – two inmates assaulted (stabbed) an officer. Those inmates were arrested and charged. Those inmates had completed the Administrative Segregation (A. S.) program. The A. S. program was evaluated after this incident and in the future, inmates will be transferred to other facilities after completing the A. S. program. Two other officers are out with injuries – one with a knee injury and another with shoulder/arm injuries.

Warden Erfe reported they will be starting weekly higher level emergency drills, currently those drill will be in house. Later they will have emergency response weapons deployment teams come to CCI. CCI will notify the Cheshire Police Department when those teams are coming and will put signs up for the public indicating that training sessions are occurring.

Warden John Alves, Warden of the Manson Youth Institution reported a census of 526 inmates. They completed their second annual facility search, finding no major contraband. There have been no significant incidents – everything is running safe.

Daniel Murphy, Deputy Warden, Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development, reported that Graduation and Open House will be held on January 8th. There should not be any traffic issues. The next training class of 85 starts on January 9, 2015.

Glenn Noffsinger, Plant Facility Manager, reported there are no working projects that will be visible to the town. Lt. Pichnarcik reported that site work on the trail extension has started. Mr. Noffsinger stated that artifacts were found during the site work. He also reported that the Cheshire Community Food Panty has been allocated a plot of land on Sandbank Road for a new facility.

Old Business:

Lt. Pichnarcik reported that Chair John O'Reilly has stepped down from the committee, as has Melissa Flynn.

Lt. Pichnarcik will contact Warden Alves about a tour of the Manson Youth facility.

New Business:

The Cheshire Fire Chief, Jack Casner, will attend the next Prison Advisory Committee meeting to give the members an update on the Fire School.

Lt. Pichnarcik asked about a recent State Police escort in town; the escort occurred at night with lights on (no sirens). Warden Alves thought this incident could be a high security escort for a high profile event or transport. Lt. Pichnarcik stated the Cheshire Police Department was not notified of this escort and asked that the CPD be notified on the day of the escort/event in the future.

The following Prison Advisory Committee meeting dates were set for 2015: February 2, 2015; May 4, 2015; August 3, 2015; and November 2, 2015. All meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Cheshire Police Department, 500 Highland Avenue, Cheshire CT.

Adjournment: MOTION by Margie Rodgers; seconded by Scott Erfe, to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Cheshire Police Department.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Kirby". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kathy Kirby
Recording Clerk