



## Community Corrections Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.

Members present: John H. Thomas, Stephen H. Nedeau, Daniel Ward, Debra Shackett, Angela Bovill and Maggie Pritchard.

Absent: Edward D. Philpot Jr., David Berry, Brian Loanes, and Gary Goudreau.

**Approval of minutes:** M/Shackett, S/Nedeau to approve the 07/16/13 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

**Next steps:** Commissioner Nedeau spoke with a representative from Senator Ayotte's office. They are looking into trying to see what, if anything they can do to help us. Commissioner Thomas indicated that we will need to make extensive repairs, fix items as they break and put good money towards the facility that is in bad shape. Repairs to the existing facility does nothing for a system change that the county and law enforcement community is striving to implement. Public member Richard Grenier spoke to the fact that in the newspaper, it is making it look like desperation on the county's end.

Administrator Shackett received an email from the Superintendent of Strafford County Department of Corrections who stated that he can take our inmates and that they are willing to meet our needs (short version). A question was asked about who would do the necessary transports. Superintendent Ward has put together impact numbers on this. Superintendent Ward has been speaking to local law enforcement agencies, and they are not in favor of having our inmates in Strafford County logistically or financially. The committee is exploring all options.

Commissioner Nedeau spoke that fixing the facility does not address the substance and mental health issues and how that is effecting and filling our jails. This issue needs to be addressed. Administrator Shackett said that there is no question that we need facility and security improvements but we also have a major state wide issue regarding mental health and substance abuse.

Superintendent Ward commented on a recent newspaper article regarding the facility. We could double/triple bunk beds (build up) to address a space issue, but it is the staffing, safety, etc. which becomes a major issue to support that.

Maggie Pritchard had an idea to send certain inmates to Strafford County for the jail end of things and to renovate and/or add an addition our existing jail (newest addition) into the community corrections programming space. Discussions ensued.

**Next meeting:** Administrator Shackett will be in touch with Commissioner Philpot to see if he was able to obtain a code analysis professional and pricing on our various options (discussed at 7/16/13 meeting). The committee would like to review the list from the facilities analysis of the top 20 recommended items to be fixed at the jail. Staffing needs to accommodate this also need to be addressed. Commissioner Thomas wants numbers/cost from Strafford County for the next meeting on how much they would charge. The committee is trying to plan for numbers due to the upcoming 2014 budget review.

**Adjourn:** M/Nedeau, S/Shackett to adjourn at 5:42 PM. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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