

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 1, 2016 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, Neil Chaudhary, Legislative Council, Chief James Viadero, Jay Mattegat

ABSENT: Joy Previdi, Gino Faiella, Rob Manna,
ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Sedensky, Bruce Clark

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

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: Mr. Mattegat moved the minutes of December 1, 2015. Mr. Chaudhary seconded. All were in favor.

Warden's Report: The current population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 566 which include, 190 in general population, 374 mental health inmates and 135 un-sentenced.

Warden Falcone reported staffing is at 92%.

The dog program has not materialized but they are still looking at a four dog program. This program would allow inmates to train the dogs for use with handicap persons.

Culinary Arts is still not operational due to budgetary issues within the state. They are working to fill the position as the Commissioners initiative is education. However, this is not a critical spot to fill.

The theater arts program teacher will be retiring but volunteering on a very regular basis. Warden Falcone acknowledged the importance of this program and plans to fill the position.

The gym project has begun. There is no overflow or use of the gym while work is being done.

A monthly drill was conducted on February 29; the facility passed with flying colors.

The Governor wants to close a facility; Garner will not be closed. The Commissioner does not want to lay off personnel.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be held **Wednesday, June 8**

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their regular meeting at 5:19 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Marcinek, clerk

