

Public Safety Committee (DOC/Garner) Minutes
Regular Meeting – September 6, 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, Kevin Cragin, Board of Fire Commissioners, Joy Previdi, Bruce Clark.

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the press.

ABSENT: Jay Mattegat, Gino Faiella.

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

Public Participation: none.

Minutes: Mr. Chaudhary moved the minutes of June 8, 2016. Mr. Cragin seconded. All were in favor.

Warden's Report: The current population at the Garner Correctional Facility is 563 which include 446 sentenced and 117 un-sentenced. There are 280 mental health inmates.

There have been no further lay-offs since the last meeting.

The Early Release Program does not impact Garner because Garner deals with mental health.

Mark Aldrich volunteers two nights a week with the Theater program. The library is still being used; the librarian has not yet been replaced due to budget constraints but the library is being staffed by Garner employees.

The Culinary Program and the Dog Program will likely be cut.

Quinnipiac inside-outside program is starting. Eight students will be working with eight inmates on sociology.

There have been no major events at Garner to report.

Chief Viadero visited Garner, received a tour and had a meet and greet with Garner staff.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the committee voted unanimously to adjourn their regular meeting at 5:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Marcinek, clerk

Rec'd. for Record 9-7 2016
Town Clerk of Newtown 9:12 AM
Debbie Aurelia Holstead