

**Town of Mansfield
Public Safety Committee
April 13, 2011
Bergin Correctional Institution**

Minutes - DRAFT

Members Present: A. Barberet, G. Cole, C. Paulhus, Lt. W. Solenski, W. Stauder (Chair), S. Thomas

Staff Present: Maria Capriola (Town), Deputy Warden Michael Davis and Deputy Warden Sondra Montesi (DOC) *on behalf of Warden M. Rinaldi*, Cptn. Figiela (DOC)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm

II. Minutes of 1/19/11

The minutes of 1/19/11 were moved by Ms. Barberet, seconded by Lt. Solenski, and approved unanimously as presented.

III. Warden's Report and Discussion

Bergin staff provided an informative overview/presentation on gang symbols and presence in Connecticut. Committee members inquired as to whether or not Bergin is one of the prisons in Connecticut that may close. DOC staff stated that at this time they do not expect Bergin to close.

Deputy Wardens Davis and Montesi provided an update on the population. Currently there are 963 inmates. Bergin capacity continues to be 962 inmates. The Committee reviewed and discussed the list of offenses; the most common offenses of Bergin inmates were violation of parole and operating under the influence. Inmates with DUI convictions are housed with the general inmate population.

Various programming updates were provided on the inmate DOT work crews, DUI outreach program and the gardening program. Bergin currently has 13 interns from schools such as UConn, ECSU, and Manchester Community College. Bergin can utilize volunteers for the religious services, addiction services, and school program.

IV. Communications

The Committee reviewed the communications; no action was taken.

V. Public Comment

None.

VI. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Chair Stauder announced that she will be moving to another state and will be resigning from the Committee as a result; April or July will be her last Committee meeting. Chair Stauder commented as to how much she has enjoyed being a part of the Committee. Committee members and staff thanked her for her dedicated service to the Committee. The meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Capriola, M.P.A., Assistant to Town Manager