

**Worksite Safety and Health Committee**  
**December 1, 2022**

Present: Director of Health and Emergency Management Director Lisa Fasulo, Teacher Representative Deborah Minor, Fire Chief Andrew Kressley, Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli, Park and Recreation Director and Social Services Representative Mary Ellen Barnes, EES Principal Jennifer Tousignant, Resident State Trooper Mark Roberts, Building and Grounds Superintendent Andrew Harrington, and Jeff Joseph from CIRMA.

Lisa Fasulo called the meeting to order at 7:47 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion** was made by Mary Ellen Barnes to approve the agenda. Andrew Kressley seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion** was made by Deb Minor to approve the September 15, 2022 minutes. Andrew Harrington seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Communications and Correspondence:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Park and Recreation Director Mary Ellen reported that in September they hosted a pumpkin festival that was very successful, a basketball program, and other outdoor programming. Ms. Barnes reported her assistant sustained an injury during the basketball program, which has been reported to CIRMA.

Ms. Barnes reported that Social Services is seeing many residents concerned and inquiring about their anticipated increase in their energy bills and oil bills.

Andrew Harrington reported there is nothing new to report, but he did mention it is the season for slips and falls and reminded employees to wear appropriate footwear during the winter season.

Resident State Trooper Mark Roberts reported that Officer J. Paul Kenefick has retired, and Officer Karen Reilly has resigned from the Town of Essex, but they are both being kept on for special events such as working the Pumpkin Festival or Ivoryton Illuminations. The police are looking at installing a couple of security cameras inside the Essex Town Hall for safety.

Trooper Roberts also mentioned that the three area resident troopers are currently in discussions with the school and discussing school safety planning. There is a meeting scheduled in January.

Deborah Minor reported the school internet is unstable this morning, but she had no concerns to report from the staff. The staff is thrilled the road project is finished through Ivoryton. Ms. Minor reported the school had their first concert last night in more than two years and it was a huge success.

Jeff Joseph from CIRMA reported there is online or in person training for slips, trips, and falls. There was discussion of Mr. Joseph doing a quick in-person training at the Essex Town Hall.

Essex Fire Chief Andrew Kressley had nothing new to report from fire department.

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Lisa Fasulo as the Health Director reported that overall, the community is healthy with minimal covid cases. Residents are managing their symptoms at home.

Lisa Fasulo as the Emergency Management Director reported that the police and fire department are ready for any emergency, and she appreciates all their efforts. Ms. Fasulo reported that Eversource has been good in communicating and reaching out to the Town pre-storm.

Andrew Kressley noted that an Eversource vehicle was present during the last storm. Eversource can make it safe and/or shut the power off in making an area safe quickly.

Mr. Kressley also inquired if there were any testing covid test kits for the fire department because the kits at the fire house have expired. Ms. Fasulo reported the expiration dates have been extended for 6 months and that the Town Hall has a large supply of kits, and the fire department is welcome to stop by and pick them up or they can be delivered.

Ms. Fasulo reported vaccines and boosters are widely available through pharmacies. The Town is not planning on holding another clinic, but if the state would like the Town to hold another clinic, then we will do so.

Jen Tousignant was present, but the school was having internet issues this morning.

Ms. Barnes expressed concerns regarding residents getting creative in heating their homes this winter. The safe use of a generator and information on carbon monoxide poisoning will be going out at the end of December on how to heat your homes safely.

Mr. Kressley mentioned there have been a couple of chimney fires and he would also like to get out information on how to clean your flue and recommendation on using seasoned wood, not pine that can clog the flue. It was recommended that John Planas write up something about chimney issues.

Assistant to the Selectman Maria Lucarelli had nothing new to report.

2023 Worksite Safety and Health Committee Meeting Schedule

**Motion** was made by Andrew Kressley to approve the 2023 Worksite Safety and Health Committee Meeting Schedule. Lisa Fasulo seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

**Motion** was made by Mary Ellen Barnes to adjourn at 8:11 a.m. Andrew Kressley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Next Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 7:45 am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Lucarelli