

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
March 1, 2018

Present: Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli, Emergency Management Director William Buckridge, Essex Elementary School Principal Jennifer Tousignant, Director of Health and Sanitarian Lisa Fasulo, Teacher Representative Deb Boutilier-Minor, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Fitzgerald, Cafeteria Supervisor, Jane Hall, Fire Marshal John Planas, Para-educator Representative Susan Schuster, and Public Work Director Mary Ellen Barnes.

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by William Buckridge to approve the agenda. Mary Ellen Barnes seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Lisa Fasulo to approve the December 7, 2017 minutes. John Planas seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Susan Schuster was inquiring about the use of pesticides in Essex and whether pesticide companies can go door to door to sell their product. Lisa Fasulo reported that the Town does not police pesticide activity nor when homeowners hire a private pesticide company to spray their homes. Ms. Schuster was concerned that these pesticide companies are not only spraying their products in private homes, but these companies appear to be going door to door, which is not allowed without a Hawker and Peddler Permit that must be completed and approved by the police and First Selectman. There was discussion that if anyone sees a company going door to door, to please contact the Selectman's Office to verify whether the peddler has obtained the appropriate permit.

Deb Boutilier-Minor had nothing new to report from the teachers.

Jane Hall reported the new dishwasher is up and running and recently had an inspection and it was found there were no safety issues in kitchen.

Tom Fitzgerald had nothing to report and no injuries.

John Planas, our new Fire Marshal, reported that he is planning on sending out public notifications on spring cleaning and things to be aware of, such as drier fire safety. Drier safety is a reminder to clean out lint devices and exhaust hoses during this time of the year. Other reminders are to be aware of extension cords and space heaters which can cause trip hazards due to electric cords.

John reported that another safety day is being scheduled in early fall 2018 with hopes that the Life Star Helicopter will be able to come and Touch a Truck. John reported that he recently visited Valley Regional High School and spoke to the students about arson investigation techniques.

Mary Ellen Barnes reported that she was working with Jennifer Tousignant and Tom Fitzgerald on options and ways to secure the school building after hours and during park and recreation programs.

Mary Ellen also reported that there were no injuries during the basketball program to report. It was a good season.

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William Buckridge reminded all Safety Committee personnel to remember to wear their Town issued identification badges when visiting schools or anytime you are representing the Town.

Lisa Fasulo reported it is flu season, so far 38 cases have been reported in Town. Vaccines are available at the VNA and local pharmacies.

Jennifer Tousignant reported that she recently met with Trooper David Tretter to review the safety of the elementary school building. There was discussion about an incident where a couple of men were seen walking the perimeter of the school building after hours. The school building is completely secure while classes are in session. There was discussion of having a door bell that will ring in the gym area. There was discussion of installing a call box that will have the ability to call the custodians. The goal is to have no doors open at any time. Everyone will need to be retrained with school entry protocol.

There was discussion of possibly holding a CPR and First Aid class at Town Hall. There was also discussion of holding a snow plow operator class.

Meeting Dates

Next meeting will be Thursday, June 7th, 2018

Motion was made by John Planas to adjourn at 8:16 a.m. Tom Fitzgerald seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Lucarelli