

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
March 5, 2020

Present: Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Fitzgerald, Teacher Representative Deb Minor, Director of Health and Emergency Management Deputy Lisa Fasulo, Cafeteria Supervisor Melissa Scarfo, Sarah Foley from Visiting Nurses, Essex Elementary School Principal Jennifer Tousignant, Fire Marshal John Planas, and Fire Chief Aron Schumacher.

Lisa Fasulo called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by John Planas to approve the agenda. Lisa Fasulo seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by John Planas to approve the December 12, 2019 minutes with a correction of Leigh Rankin's name. Lisa Fasulo seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

John Planas reported that Sunday March 8th is spring ahead and he reminded everyone to check their smoke detector batteries. John also reported he is working on two grants for the Town of Essex. One grant is to replace the Essex Fire Department air packs and the second grant is upgrading the Town drone.

Aron Schumacher reported the Fire Department recently held a CPR class for the community that was well attended.

Jennifer Tousignant reported there were currently no issues with staff or students. Jennifer mentioned that Friday night the school held family night and on Friday, March 27th is family dance night and attendance is anticipated to be around 400. March 24th is kindergarten orientation and there are 37 children eligible.

Deb Minor reported there were no teacher concerns.

Melissa Scarfo reported the recent kitchen inspection received a score of 100. Lisa Fasulo reported the Town's new food inspector is Donald Mitchell.

Susan Schuster had nothing to report

Tom Fitzgerald had nothing new to report from the maintenance staff.

Sarah Foley from Visiting Nurses reported they are following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on coronavirus (COVID-19). Sarah reported there are no non-rebreather masks available and they do not have the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) and therefore cannot go into homes to treat patients without the proper PPE.

Aron Schumacher reported that the N95's that have expired may still be used, but everyone should check with the CDC guidelines.

Lisa Fasulo reported that everyone should be looking at CDC guidelines.

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Sarah Foley is coming up with an internal plan. They are printing out information regarding basic protection and control of the virus. They are monitoring it closely, just like everyone else. There was discussion that the cases in the United States are up only due to fact that the US now has testing kits and can confirm the virus.

Lisa stated that everyone should be in the planning stage. There was discussion that this is believed to be the first wave of the virus and it is anticipated that the virus may return in the fall or next winter. Lisa reported that Essex Meadows already has a plan in place. They have cones in the driveway which is limiting their exposure and visitors.

Lisa reminded everyone that they should be washing their hands and staying home when sick.

Tom reported that Essex Elementary School has ramped up disinfecting the building during the evenings.

Lisa reported that the Essex Health Department is also following the CDC Guidelines. State and local health departments are monitoring people coming in from China, but those flights are at a minimum right now. Now people coming in from Italy need to self-quarantine for two weeks.

Motion was made by Tom Fitzgerald to adjourn at 8:15 a.m. Lisa Fasulo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Lucarelli