

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
June 9, 2022

Present: Director of Health and Emergency Management Director Lisa Fasulo, Building and Grounds Superintendent Andrew Harrington, Fire Marshal John Planas, 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, and Building Official David DeLeeuw.

Lisa Fasulo called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Mary Ellen Barnes to approve the agenda. David DeLeeuw seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Andrew Kressley to approve the March 3, 2022 minutes. Andrew Harrington seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Harrington had nothing new to report.

Mary Ellen Barnes reported summer camp starts on June 20 at the Essex Elementary School with a good turnout of campers registered this year. They will be following all CDC school protocols. Summer camp will also be returning to Grove Street Park on Fridays. All camp counselors are CPR and First Aid Certified.

John Planas has been working on a project that includes scanning the interior of the Essex Elementary School with a \$4,000 camera that was donated. This camera can scan the entire interior of the school building so that first responders can respond to any incidents and be able to see the inside of the school so that you can visually walk inside the interior of the building virtually. This will be useful for police and all first responders and can help with pre-incident command. This can map out all closets and "hiding" places. John will finish mapping the school after the school closes on June 14.

Health Director Lisa Fasulo reported that covid is still out there and she is aware of a couple of hospitalizations, but no more fatalities.

EMD Fasulo reported that hurricane season has started. Information on hurricane preparedness will be in Essex Events. The Town participated in this year's EPPI statewide exercise which was a serious weather-related scenario. These trainings help the Town prepare better for any gaps that are found during trainings.

David DeLeeuw reported on the temporary sidewalk closure at 7 Main Street. His office has received no complaints and it is scheduled to be removed by June 17th.

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Andrew Kressley reported the fire boat is in the water and in great shape. The boat was moved to the in front of Dauntless Marina and they are ready for summer.

Jennifer Tousignant had nothing new to report from the school. They are smoothly transitioning to the last day of school, which is Tuesday June 14th.

Congratulations to Mary Ellen's daughter's award and recognition last night.

Lisa mentioned that the Town just hired a new food inspector. The new inspector will not be able to do an inspection before the last day of school. He will inspect the school in September.

Lisa also reported that Covid vaccinations for 6 months to 4 years old are coming, but the vaccines are waiting for FDA approval.

There was further discussion of whether people under the age of 50 could get the 4th booster. It is believed there are plenty of vaccines available, but you'd have to check with your doctor.

Deborah Minor had nothing to report from the teachers.

Motion was made by Lisa Fasulo to move the September 1, 2022 Safety Committee Meeting to September 15, 2022. Andrew Kressley seconded the motion. All in favor.

Andrew Kressley reported there was installation of new fire hydrants, but due to the pandemic, some hydrants are backordered. The old hydrants are still working, so no need to worry, as they are working and in good order and will be swapped when the new ones arrive.

There was mention that a brand-new stop sign is being installed at the three-way intersection in Ivoryton right in front of the Ivoryton Playhouse at the bottom of Summit Street. It is a safety issue – this was to promote safety for those in the cross walk and for people sitting outside in that intersection at the restaurant.

Maria Lucarelli reported there was minor damage to a police SUV, where another vehicle backed into the bumper of the police SUV. No one was injured, just a small accident.

Maria also reported there was a walker who reported falling when they stepped off a town sidewalk and into a dirt hole next to a town sidewalk. This incident has been reported to insurance.

Motion was made by Deborah Minor to adjourn at 8:12 a.m. Andrew Harrington seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Next Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 7:45 am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Lucarelli