

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
September 15, 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, and Kimberly Salinas and Jeff Joseph from CIRMA.

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. Andrew Kressley seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Mary Ellen Barnes to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes. Lisa Fasulo 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 Park and Recreation is back in the full swing of things, they are busy with tennis and other programs. They are hosting the annual pumpkin festival and they expect it to be one of the largest events in a long time. There will be a Costume Parade, with over one hundred children registered already. It is a walking parade – no vehicles – bicycles are ok. The 5K run is on. Summer Camp was wonderful. There have been– issues with bee stings at the Elementary School. It has been a quiet summer for employees and campers although a volunteer was struck in the face with a disc golf and received a few stitches. The Essex Elementary School Harvest Festival is scheduled for October 2. The Pumpkin Festival is scheduled for Saturday October 22. The Town of Essex applied for a STEAP grant to reimagine Hubbard Park which would include new parking, new facilities, a new bathroom, new equipment, new sidewalks, new fencing, updates to Volleyball Court and the Basketball Court.

Health Director Lisa Fasulo reported the Essex Elementary School (EES) did get their food inspection completed and did well. On Monday September 19th the Town of Essex will be holding another Covid booster shot clinic in the auditorium. The clinics will continue as they are needed. EES did have a couple of Covid cases, but they are managing it very well. The Health Department has Covid Test Kits available to residents. Kits are also available through the schools or pharmacies.

Emergency Management Director Lisa Fasulo reported that the Town is ready for the hurricane season and currently there is one storm being monitored now. But there are no issues and the police, public works, and the fire department are ready for any storms. The Town is in prepared.

Nutmeg Pharmacy is moving their business into the building across the street of their current location. The move is anticipated to happen in October.

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Fire Chief Andrew Kressley reported that the fire department is ready for storms. Andy also reported that with the past two heavy rainfalls there were no reports of significant flooding. Overall, it has been a quiet summer although there was one house fire on Harbor View with no injuries.

Chief Kressley reported that he would reach out to the Griswold Inn and would coordinate the Halloween Parade that is happening on October 31st at 6 pm.

Jennifer Tousignant reported that she spoke to Tom Fitzgerald, and they do not have anything to report. There are 269 elementary aged students and seven new families that have moved into the area bringing in twelve new students.

Deb Minor expressed appreciation from others to the Public Works Department regarding requests for tree branches to be removed and Deb reported that Ryan and his crew were responsive and took care of them right away. Deb also had concerns regarding the road resurfacing and the kids who are riding their bicycles to school.

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

Jeff Joseph from CIRMA reported on slips, trips, and falls. They are still offering on coming to Town and doing a hazard assessment, where they do safety walkthroughs of the building.

Trooper Mark Roberts had nothing new to report but wanted to recognize and congratulate Officer J. Paul Kenefick on his retirement yesterday.

Motion was made by Maria Lucarelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 a.m. Andrew Kressley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Next Safety Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7:45 am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Lucarelli