

**Worksite Safety and Health Committee
June 2, 2016**

Present: Emergency Management Director William Buckridge, Public Works Director David Caroline; Cafeteria Supervisor Jane Hall, Principal Scott Jeffrey, Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli, Para-educator Representative Susan Pire, Deb Boutiller, Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley Mark Appellof, Park and Recreation Director Mary Ellen Barnes, Director of Health and Sanitarian Lisa Fasulo, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Fitzgerald, and First Selectman Norman M. Needleman.

Lisa Fasulo called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Mary Ellen Barnes to approve the March 2nd, 2016 minutes. Susan Pire seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Jane Hall reported there were no injuries.

Susan Pire had no injuries to report, but she did report that she would be retiring in June and a woman by the name of Susan Schuster will be taking her place on the Safety Committee in September.

Deb Boutillier had nothing to report.

Maria Lucarelli reported there was one shoulder sprain with a public works employee. The injury was sustained as a result of tossing a heavy object off of the Town truck. Employee did seek medical attention but was back at work the next day.

Mark Appellof, the Director of Marketing of the Visiting Nurses, reported that a recent training session was given to employees pertaining to firearms in the home and what to do if you feel uncomfortable and / or how to prepare for that situation. Two sessions were done, one at the Essex Firehouse and one in the Visiting Nurses office.

Tom Fitzgerald reported there were no injuries.

Scott Jeffrey reported on the renovations in the school this summer and that no one under the age of 16 will be allowed in the building during the renovations. Park and Recreation will be a John Winthrop at the start of the summer camp and then they will move to Essex Elementary after the renovations. Mr. Jeffrey reported that starting today the media center is being broken down in preparation for the summer projects. The areas are being made safe. There will be no children allowed in the school building during the asbestos abatement.

Mr. Jeffrey also reported that a barrier fence was recently broken due to a car going through it. The driver of the vehicle is paying for all of the damages.

David Caroline reported that he had one employee out for approximately 6 to 8 weeks due to hip surgery that was not a work related injury.

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Mary Ellen Barnes reported that summer camp will be starting a John Winthrop and the camp will be stationed some days at the Essex Town Hall and at the Elementary School. This year the ratio is 8 campers to 1 counselor. Mary Ellen also reported that summer concerts will be starting at the end of June.

Ms. Barnes reported that the lunch program, Celebrate Learning, is in Deep River. Dr. Ruth Levy, the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, and the Essex Community Fund will be working together on this program.

Lisa Fasulo reported there were two food borne disease cases, but they were both as a result from traveling. Ms. Fasulo stated that we are getting into the parade season and the farmer's markets and there will be education on safe food handling for these upcoming events.

Ms. Fasulo reported that they were updating the mosquito management brochure in prevention of the Zika Virus. There was discussion on whether it is an option to spray Town parks. Ms. Fasulo stated the state is not recommended Towns or that resident's spray, but to just have everyone eliminates any standing water.

There was discussion on placing any brochures at upcoming Park and Recreation Events to educate everyone about the virus and how to prevent getting bitten by mosquitoes.

Norman Needleman reported that the Governor signed into law an opiate law, so that patients are not doctor shopping for controller substances. There was discussion on Drug Take Back boxes and it was mentioned that pharmacies has such boxes for expired or unused prescriptions.

Mr. Needleman reported that in addition to the school projects, the Safe Routes to School Project is to have new sidewalks installed during the summer months in front of and along the elementary school up to Ivory Street. The plan is to have the sidewalks completed this summer.

Meeting Dates

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 8th, 2016.

Old Business: None

Motion was made by David Caroline to adjourn at 8:22 a.m. Mary Ellen Barnes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Lucarelli