

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
June 10, 2021

Present: Director of Health and Emergency Management Director Lisa Fasulo, Resident State Trooper Mark Roberts, Park and Recreation Director and Social Services Representative Mary Ellen Barnes, Maintenance Andrew Harrington, Fire Marshal John Planas, Teacher Representative Deborah Minor, Essex Elementary School Maintenance Supervisor Tom Fitzgerald, EES Principal Jennifer Tousignant, Fire Chief Aron Schumacher, Visiting Nurse Sarah Foley, Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli, and Public Works Director Ryan Welch.

Lisa Fasulo called the meeting to order at 7:51 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Mary Ellen Barnes to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. Mark Roberts seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Ellen Barnes reported that concerts and summer camps will be starting. They are working with the elementary school to make sure we are complying with school mandate. This year camp will be half days with a lot of outdoor activities.

Maria Lucarelli reported that the Town's Safety and Health Committee had their annual visit from the State of Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission member on May 6, 2021, and it was determined that the Town follows the safety and health committee regulations.

John Planas reported the new marine boat has been delivered and department members are being trained and this Saturday will be the christening of the boat.

John mentioned that the Land Use Department has identification stickers for vessels.

John also mentioned there is a regional coast guard training and wide area drill happening the first or second week in July.

The Town is evaluating the antennas on the Town Hall roof because some of the antennas on town hall are not grounded.

Lisa Fasulo reported she recently did a radio test with the fire department. They are testing different receptions in Town. They had pretty good reception in most buildings, but some buildings need to install a repeater.

Trooper Mark Roberts reported that the 4th of July parade this year is happening.

Trooper Roberts also reported the town received 2 speed monitoring signs from UConn. The locations for placement of the speed signs are being determined.

Trooper Roberts reported they are still maintaining a closed office and are continuing to do finger printing in auditorium or finding another space as necessary.

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There was mention that a detour will be in place for bridge replacement in Deep River near John Winthrop Middle School starting today until late August early September.

There was discussion of how this route is the main route to the shelter and just something to be aware of.

Lisa Fasulo reported that she participated in a Hurricane Preparedness Shelter Planning Meeting with the American Red Cross. Our current shelter is not a red cross facility and the Towns of Chester, Deep River, and Essex managing the facility.

Lisa reported that the Essex Town Hall still requires visitors to wear masks. Masks are not required in outdoor settings. Connecticut is only 50% vaccinated.

The Health Department held vaccination clinics from January until to mid-April and they stopped when the demand for vaccinations declined. Residents are still strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Old Saybrook has also stopped their clinics.

Andrew Harrington reported they have evicted some bees and bats safely and humanely recently.

Motion was made by Lisa Fasulo to adjourn at 8:15 a.m. Mary Ellen Barnes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Lucarelli