

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
September 2, 2021

Present: Director of Health and Emergency Management Director Lisa Fasulo, Resident State Trooper Mark Roberts, Maintenance Andrew Harrington, Fire Marshal John Planas, Teacher Representative Deborah Minor, Fire Chief Andrew Kersley, Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli.

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Deb Minor to approve the agenda. Andrew Harrington seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by Lisa Fasulo to approve the June 10, 2021 minutes. Mark Roberts seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion on flooding this morning from Hurricane Ida and the following alerts was sent out:

Lisa Fasulo reported that due to Hurricane Ida, Town crews are out assessing and repairing.

Sept 2, 2021, at 8:45 am: Many roads are flooded and impassable due to the overnight storm. **DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH FLOODED ROADS** and **DO NOT MOVE CONES AND BARCADES.**

- Heron Pond Rd is washed out – DO NOT MOVE BARCADES.
- Falls River Dr is flooded; it will take several hours for the floodwater to recede. DO NOT DRIVE THROUGH THIS FLOODED AREA. Use the back emergency exit if needed or shelter in place until the roadway clears. Emergency Vehicles can access the neighborhood using the emergency road if needed.
- Gates Rd & Cedar Grove Terrace has a tree in wires which is partially blocking the road. Power is out to the neighborhoods of Harborview, Hunters Trail, Hillside, etc. The road is passable but use extreme caution. Eversource is notified but does not have an estimated time of restoration.
- Bushy Hill/Hopper Rd are partially blocked by a tree, but the road is passable
- Ivory St and Bokum Rd are Flooded. Use alternate routes.
- Book Hill, Oxbow, Meadow woods are passable. Eversource estimates power to be restored at 3:00pm

Deb Minor reported they are all adhering to and practicing covid protocols. The students are going to the cafeteria and able to go to specials, like gym.

Lisa reported parents were concerned with distancing in cafeteria. Deb reported there is only 1 grade level in the cafeteria at a time and there are permanent plastic dividers at the tables.

Andrew Harrington had nothing new to report.

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Trooper Roberts reported we are looking for both an Animal Control Officer and an Assistant Animal Control Officer.

Trooper Roberts also reported the bridge in Deep River reopened yesterday, September 1, 2021. John Planas attended the beginning of the safety meeting, then had to leave for a fire call.

Lisa Fasulo reported there are power outages in Town and some trees have fallen across a couple of roads

Trooper Roberts reported that Cedar Grove Terrace had trees on the wires and Eversource was on scene this morning.

Maria Lucarelli had nothing new to report.

Lisa Fasulo reported that the Tropical Storm Henri a week ago, was not as severe as we thought.

Since March 2020 there have been 452 cases of Covid 19 in Essex. Now that kids are back in school and with the colder weather, cases are anticipated to increase. We encourage those who are eligible to get their 3rd Covid vaccination.

Motion was made by Lisa to adjourn at 8:15 a.m. Deb Minor seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Lucarelli