

Worksite Safety and Health Committee
December 2, 2021

Present: Director of Health and Emergency Management Director Lisa Fasulo, Maintenance Andrew Harrington, Fire Marshal John Planas, Teacher Representative Deborah Minor, Fire Chief Andrew Kersley, CIRMA representatives Ian Havens and Jeff Joseph, Assistant to Selectmen Maria Lucarelli, Park and Recreation Director and Social Services Representative Mary Ellen Barnes, EES Maintenance Supervisor Tom Fitzgerald, and EES Principal Jennifer Tousignant.

John Planas called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by Lisa Fasulo 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 September 2, 2021 minutes. Andrew Kressley seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Fasulo reported that William "Bill" Buckridge, the Town's long time Emergency Management Director, died on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. Our condolences to his family.

Ms. Fasulo reported that the omicron Covid variant has been detected in the United States. Lisa strongly suggested getting your vaccination.

A vaccination clinic will be held this Friday in the Essex Town Hall from 8 am to noon in the auditorium. Registration is through the Nutmeg Pharmacy <https://www.nutmegpharmacy.com/>

A vaccination clinic for 5- to 11-year-olds will be held on Wednesday, December 15th in the Essex Town Hall from 4 to 7 pm in the auditorium for kids' first dose of Pfizer. Another clinic is scheduled for Wednesday January 5th from 4 pm to 7 pm. It is anticipated that these two clinics will fill up quickly.

Mary Ellen Barnes reported the Town parks are being tidied up in preparation for the winter. Youth basketball league has started up and they are following school protocols for indoor sports.

Ms. Fasulo mention new guidance was just issued for indoor protocols that should be in effect after the school break at the end of December. Ms. Fasulo will forward the notice to Ms. Barnes. There was discussion that Region 4 is following the screen and stay program. If children are exposed to Covid and have Covid, they can follow this new protocol to go back to school earlier by being screened and can stay in school, but they cannot participate in the sports programs.

Ms. Barnes, from Social Services reported that Eversource will not shut off electricity in homes during the winter.

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Mr. Barnes reported the Ivoryton Illuminations lights are up and on in Ivoryton and the Essex Town Hall is also lit up this year.

Chief Kressley reported the firehouse will be installing their lights on Saturday.

Andrew Harrington reported it is that time of year with the cold wet weather to remind everyone to wear appropriate shoes into work. He will be using ice melt in and around the doors, but appropriate winter shoes are strongly recommended to prevent slips and falls when entering the building.

Deborah Minor had nothing new to report from the teachers.

Tom Fitzgerald reported the school is in great shape and doing well.

Chief Kressley had nothing new to report except that they are ready for the winter season.

This Friday afternoon, December 3rd from 4 pm to 6:30 pm is the Stuff-A-Cruiser for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries. The collection will be at the Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1 Headquarters at 11 Saybrook Road in Essex.

Stephen Pendl is no longer with CIRMA. The new representatives Ian Havens and Jeff Joseph introduced themselves from CIRMA.

They provided a link to the CIRMA Slips and Falls landing page, which contains sample posters and documents related to wintry weather and other factors that may cause trips or falls in and around municipal buildings.

<https://cirma.ccm-ct.org/workers-compensation/workplace-safety-center/slip-fall-prevention.htm>

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John Planas reported on a new program called Community Connect which allows for business owners and residents to log onto a safe and secure web site to add information on their home or business. Information can be entered regarding access or egress or on their pets, or anything regarding electrical or gas shut off, or special codes that the fire department or EMS should know about. That information allows first responders to gain access immediately.

The link can be found at <https://www.essexct.gov/fire-marshall/bulletins/essex-community-connect>

2022 Worksite Safety and Health Committee Meeting Schedule

Motion was made by Lisa Fasulo to approve the 2021 Worksite Safety and Health Committee Meeting Schedule. Lisa Fasulo seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted, Maria Lucarelli