

Town of Lebanon
Safety Committee
February 23, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.
Town Hall
Upper Conference Room
Special Meeting
MINUTES

- 1.0** Committee Chairman Patti Handy called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following department representatives were present: Brandon Handfield, Public Works Director; John Lyon, Fire Department; Darcy Battye, Senior Center and Collin Konow, Resident State Trooper. Representatives from the Transfer Station, CIRMA, Library and Animal Control were not present.
- 2.0** Motion made by Handfield/Handy to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2014 meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 3.0** Discussion by Department: Incidents/Accidents; Safety Issues; Safety Improvements; new requests or suggestions
- Public Works – Handfield reported a few minor incidents involving strains and a slip and fall. No serious injuries were reported. The department has been working a lot of overtime with many recent storms.
 - Police – Trooper Konow reported that heroin responses in town have increased dramatically and Lyon, as a first responder, also agreed. Konow theorized that addiction to prescription drugs is the reason for the increase in heroin use and that although it is prevalent in the community it is not a problem unique to Lebanon. Konow and Lyon also noted an increase in “untimely” deaths, some of which may be weather related. Battye added that she has also seen an increase in deaths in the elderly. Discussion followed regarding general weather-related safety and the importance of checking on elderly neighbors.
 - Fire – Lyon reported the seasonal problem with ice buildup on the roof of the Fire Safety Complex. This issue has been discussed previously but a solution has yet to be found. The problem is located over a seldom used door and it was suggested that the door not be used until the ice melts.
 - Library – not present.
 - Transfer Station – not present.
 - CIRMA – not present.
 - Town Hall – Handy said that thanks to the snow clearing efforts of the DPW and an ample supply of ice melt there have been no slips or falls by either staff or residents while accessing Town Hall.
 - Animal Control – not present.
 - Senior Center – Battye reported that she has had some employees slip and fall on ice that builds up due to drifting snow but not serious injuries were reported. The DPW is looking into putting up a snow fence to prevent the drifting in the future, but in the mean time Battye will use more ice melt and instruct her staff to be cautious.
- 4.0** Motion made by Handy/Handfield to adjourn at 10:25. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patti Handy
Chairman