

Town of Lebanon
Safety Committee
October 25, 2010 - 10:00 AM
Town Hall – Upper Conference Room

MINUTES

- 1.0** Chairman Patti Handy called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Members present included Armand Robitaille, (Public Works), Dennis Roberts (Transfer Station), Fire Chief John Lyon (Fire Department), Resident State Trooper Ron Turner (Police), Julie Culp (Library), George Tammaro and Marion Chamberlain (CIRMA).
- 2.0** Motion made by Culp, seconded by Roberts to approve the Minutes from the April 26, 2010 meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 3.0** The Committee reviewed the ongoing worksheet and had nothing new to add.
- 4.0** The Committee discussed the meeting schedule for next year; all agreed that the fourth Monday of the month worked quite well with the exception of July, when so many staff members were away on vacation. It was decided that a meeting be held at the end of August, rather than July for 2011. Motion made by Roberts, seconded by Robitaille to approve the meeting schedule for 2011 as follows: Monday, January 24, 2011; Monday April 25, 2011; Monday August 29, 2011 and Monday October 24, 2011, all meetings to be held at 10:00 am at the Town Hall. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 5.0** Discussion by Department: Incidents/Accidents; Safety Issues; Safety Improvements; new requests or suggestions
 - 5.1** Town Hall: Handy reported that she had checked with the Selectmen on the issue of blood-born pathogen vaccines for the Transfer Station workers as recommended by CIRMA at the April 26, 2010 meeting. The First Selectman, Joyce Okonuk, said that she was supportive of the idea, but that the cost of the vaccines would have to come from the Solid Waste Commission's (SWC) budget. Okonuk also said that she would write a request to Ray Yarmac, Chairman of the SWC, authorizing the expenditure. Tammaro said that he would get the specific vaccine information needed.
 - 5.2** Public Works: Robitaille added that the Public Works department should also have the same vaccine's made available to their department; Tammaro and Handy agreed. Handy said that she would discuss the issue with the First Selectman and the Public Works Forman as to which department would be responsible for the cost.
 - 5.3** Transfer Station: Other than the vaccine issue, there were no new issues to discuss.
 - 5.4** Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department: Fire Chief John Lyon briefed the Committee on the New London County Back Draft Committee's recommendations for "May Day" protocols and FEMA Certifications which the Fire Department has been implementing in their "burn house" training.

Lyon said that a common problem is that the May Day call comes too late to save a fire fighter, so a lot of the training has to do with when and how to use a May Day call. Lyon also said that a recent grant of approximately \$275,000 that was received will be used for training, equipment updates, safety and recruiting. He also said that he is considering changing the current physical standards for his firefighters to more rigorous standards that would include a stress test. He is also very proactive with safety training and protective equipment for his department.

5.5 Police Department: Resident State Trooper Ron Turner was in attendance at this meeting for the first time since he was assigned to Lebanon. He reported that his department has become more organized and is working towards a more active presence in town. He also made some suggestions for security improvements in town buildings which were discussed in detail. Chief Lyon added that the AED device that was purchased for the Town Hall through a grant should be permanently mounted in a visible location.

5.6 Library: Librarian Julie Culp said that although there were no new issues, she was very interested in the suggestions for improved security made by Officer Turner.

5.7 CIRMA: George Tammaro wished to add that they are currently reminding their clients to make sure that thermostats and outdoor lighting are adjusted for the changing weather conditions and length of daylight hours.

6.0 The next meeting will be on January 24, 2010, 10:00 am at Town Hall.

7.0 Motion made by Lyon seconded by Roberts to adjourn at 10:55 am. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Handy
Chairman