

March 7, 2019

JLMC Meeting Minutes (Safety Committee)

Committee members present: Assistant Fire Chief E.J. Hoyt, Police Chief Michael Bilodeau, Library Director Lara Croft Berry, Police Detective Patrick Costin, Road Agent Leonard Thomas, Road Agent Rick St. Laurent, Building Inspector Kevin Kelley, Recorder Rebecca Navelski

K. Kelley called the meeting to order at 1305 hours

M. Bilodeau inquired if the Safety Committee meetings were held on a quarterly basis. K. Kelley confirmed the meetings are to be held on a quarterly basis. The meetings have been scheduled for March 7th, June 13th, September 12th, and December 12th of 2019.

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for December 20, 2018. K. Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes, E. J. Hoyt seconded the motion. All in favor.

K. Kelley inquired if there have been any injuries since the last meeting. E.J. Hoyt reported Fire Lieutenant Mark Merrill slipped and fell on the ice outside of the Fire Department. The injury resulted in hip surgery. He will be out approximately five months on workman compensation.

M. Bilodeau reports the traffic lights for the Newington Public School are a concern. The lights are out of sync and the component itself is in need of updating.

M. Bilodeau inquired the status of the Safety Program. K. Kelley reports he has the book with all of the state guidelines for municipalities in his office for review. K. Kelley has ensured we are up to par pending any audit with the Department of Labor. The Committee agreed to hold the meetings in a different Town building to conduct facility inspections. The next meeting will be held at the Old Town Hall.

E. J. Hoyt reports a light needs to be updated under the mezzanine at the Fire Department. The area is pretty dark. E. J. Hoyt request possibility of placing a fence or barrier around the back of the Fire Department. Or the possibility of adding land further away from the apparatus bay. The Fire Department is concerned when they are driving out of the bays the same time the students are sledding during recess. M. Bilodeau reports the students are also encroaching on Fox Point Road as well. K. Kelley and E.J. Hoyt will meet with Principal Latchaw to discuss the matter.

E.J. Hoyt passed on a message from Fire Chief Sabine. Chief Sabine is concerned with the dead trees and guard rails on Mc Intyre Road. Len Thomas is aware and repairs are planned for the Spring.

E.J. Hoyt will take the lead in annual CPR and first aid training for all town departments.

K. Kelley reports the contractor placed the new light on the right side of the building of the Police Department.

E.J. Hoyt reports preliminary drawings have been completed for the fire department's gear and equipment cleaning room. He will be meeting with K. Kelley and Martha Roy next week. The project has been placed on hold pending budget.

K. Kelley reports a new light pole with a photo eye will be installed at the Town Hall parking lot. The cost will be \$5000.00. Insurance will cover all but the deductible. M. Bilodeau reports one of the light poles fell in the parking lot of the Police Department. K. Kelley reports bucket truck has is set to install the new pole soon.

K. Kelley asked all departments of any further new news to report.

Library - L. Croft Berry asked the Highway Department to check the parking lot multiple times during business hours. Due to the accumulating snow and melt the parking lots become icy. She thanked the Highway Department for how well they have been maintaining the walkways.

Highway - L. Thomas reported the roadways have been posted for weight limits. He noticed damage to the northbound side of the McIntyre bridge. He will be investigating further and keep the Committee updated.

R. St. Laurent reports the emergency lights at the Old Town Hall need to be checked. K. Kelley reports he will look in to the concern. R. Navelski asked K. Kelley to look in to the status of the air conditioners for the Recreation Summer Program. K. Kelley reports he will look in to the matter.

Police - M. Bilodeau reports no further news. He received a complaint about school buses going over the Mc Intyre bridge reference weight limits.

Fire - E.J. Hoyt reports nothing further.

K. Kelley motioned for adjournment. E.j. Hoyt second. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Navelski