

**Town of Walpole**  
**Minutes of the Safety Meeting**  
October 20, 2021

**Present:** Christine Burchstead (Library), Jason Colburn (North Walpole Fire), Ray Gosetti (Notes/Police), Ben Hoy (Recycling), Brad Nash (Town Hall)

**Not Present:** Keith Hebert (Highway)

The previous meetings minutes were read by Ben Hoy.

**Review of injuries:**

There are no new injuries to report.

**Old Business:**

Ben discussed with the committee about the injuries at the Recycling Center. Ben is open to the idea of adding a second belt to the bailing machine. He will have to research the cost and where to buy and get funds added to his budget.

Someone mentioned that possibly moving employees around might be beneficial.

Library: A glow in the dark sign can be hung in place at the intersection of the book stacks area. The sign needs to include an arrow pointing in the direction of the exit.

CPR classes will not happen this year. The fire department is not sponsoring anything until covid becomes less of a problem.

Adam Kobeski is working with the Library staff on acquiring an automated external defibrillator (AED).

**New Business:**

Brad mentioned that Walpole Police used one of their water extinguishers at a recent fire. They managed to save a family's boat from burning up completely. Ray Gosetti mentioned that Police Officers managed to push a rather sizeable boat away from the source of the fire and quickly extinguish some plastics on the boat. The boat will require minimal repairs because of their efforts to save property.

Currently masks are to be worn by all employees and people entering common areas, masks are not required in non-public areas.

The committee discussed doing walk throughs again. The Highway has not had a walk through done. At one point we had been informed that we could do a walk through, but it would pretty much be entering the front door and exiting the back door and not stopping in between.

Keith Hebert had mentioned in a previous meeting, that given the nature of the facility, there are potential hazards to people that don't work there. The Safety Committee shall seek guidance from the Selectboard as to if a proper safety walk-through will happen at the Highway Department.

The walk throughs that were done at the other town department buildings were very beneficial. Minor issues were found at all facilities and all of them have been addressed.

Ray Gosetti and Christine Burchstead both mentioned how crazy people are driving these days. It seems like nobody pays attention to the speed limits anymore.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2 PM.