



Workplace, Health & Safety Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 4, 2024  
1:00 PM Town Hall

*Present:* Matthew Riiska, Barbara Gomez, Bill Brodnitzki, Judy Ludwig, Paul Padua,  
Tom Gorski, Lauren Valentino and Tyler Yelsits

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. with Matt Riiska as chairperson.

*Minutes: June 5, 2024*

**MOTION** J. Ludwig to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024 meeting as presented.  
Second P. Padua. Carried unanimously.

*Approval of 2025 Meeting Schedule*

**MOTION** B. Brodnitzki to approve the 2025 Workplace, Health & Safety Committee Meeting  
schedule as presented. Second J. Ludwig. Carried unanimously.

*Old Business*

- T. Gorski reported that the lights in the Public Works Garage have been replaced.
- B. Brodnitzki would like speed limit signs back on Maple Avenue. Also, parking on both sides of the road is sometimes a problem now that the road is narrower. No Parking signs may be needed.
- Maple Avenue & Route 44 – J. Ludwig reported that you can't see traffic coming down the hill when pulling out of Maple Avenue onto Route 44 because the trees need to be trimmed. M. Riiska will contact the State of CT.
- B. Brodnitzki reported that the grass on the sides of the roads is growing onto the shoulder and hindering bikers and walkers. This is happening all over town but especially on the State roads.
- Memorial Green – P. Padua contacted DOT customer service regarding the bad sightlines pulling out of Memorial Green onto North Street. The DOT responded by moving the white line at the stop sign on the church side of the street forward by 9 feet which allows you to legally pull forward more, allowing better visibility. The DOT said the vegetation problem at the intersection is the Town's problem. Frontier put a second pole up North Street but did not remove the old pole creating a bigger problem.
- B. Brodnitzki reported that cell service in Town is terrible. The ambulance is going to put in a hot spot to improve cell service which will cost approximately \$1,000. When calling into the hospital they're calling through an "app" which needs cell service.
- L. Valentino reported hot spots were installed covering the Botelle School property encompassing the fields. The school could also provide QR codes near the tennis courts so that people could log on easily to the WiFi.

*New Business*

- B. Brodnitzki reported stagnant water between his house and the Manor House and across the street.

*New Business (continued)*

- Botelle School - L. Valentino reported that the roof has been completed and hopefully the solar panels will be picked up in the next few days.
- Botelle School - M. Riiska reported that the slide is supposed to be worked this month.
- Botelle School – was inspected by the fire marshal and cleared.
- Botelle School – M. Riiska got another quote for the furnace which turned out to be the same as the last one.
- Botelle School – Everyone is happy that the tennis courts have been painted. The court is getting a lot of pickleball use.
- Botelle School – L. Valentino reported that Evan Cooper has been hired as a new evening custodian and we currently have 59 students.

*Worker's Compensation Injuries*

- None reported

**MOTION** P. Padua to adjourn at 1:25 p.m. Second B. Brodnitzki. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary