



# Town of East Lyme Health & Safety Committee

**Attendance**

Ron Bence – Co-Chair

**Members Present:**

Jessica Videll – Co-Chair

Jane Bowen-Secretary

**Meeting – Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 2:00 PM via Zoom**

***H & S Committee Meeting called to Order at: 2:01 PM***

1. **Approval of Minutes:** 2/11/21 – Ron Bence, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jessica Videll
2. **Status of Funds Available:** No Change: \$662.89, AED Account \$555.00
3. **Injury Reports from 2/10/21 to current:**
  - A. **2/11/21 Police Dept, Officer slipped on ice in unplowed Wtfd PD Parking lot causing left knee contusion. Comments: Occupational Hazard**
  - B. **3/2/21 Building Dept, walking from one sidewalk to another, the gravel underfoot caused trip/fall, striking head, (left side), left shoulder, and left knee. Comments: Inspection site was addressed, Slip/Trip/Fall protocols reviewed**
  - C. **3/3/21 Highway Dept, on location. Lifting street light pole in bed of truck, pole slipped, fell on right index finger, crushing it between the top o tailgate and light pole. Finger cut/puncture. Comments: Accident**
  - D. **3/25/21 Highway Dept, on location. While unloading trailer truck of trash cans, 3-cans began to fall off the truck, when employee attempted to stop the can's, he suffered shoulder dislocation. Comments: as of this date employee is still out of work.**
  - E. **3/30/21 Water & Sewer, on location. Claimant attempted to pick up with one arm a street sign base from storage trailer. Felt pain in right arm. Suffered arm strain. Comment: Suggest CIRMA Sprains and Strains Injury Prevention review.**
  - F. **4/4/21 Fire Dept, on site of Ambulance call. Patient required assistance getting up fr bathroom floor. While assisting lift of patient Claimant suffered back strain. Comment: CIRMA Lift w/Knees review suggested.**
  - G. **4/14/21 Fire Dept, while on truck B-29 heading, Rte 161. Heading to call w/lights and sirens on. Was hit on driver side front by car exiting the highway. Driver of car not injured. Claimant has swelling to right wrist and was taken to L&M hospital for eval. Wrist Strain/sprain. Comments: Accident**
  - H. **4/19/21 Highway Dept at FSB. While changing side broom on sweeper truck, attempt to loosen a stuck bolt. Used impact wrench to loosen bolt, lost grip on the combination wrench holding the other side of bold. It spun around and made contact w/left hand. Resulted in hand contusion. Comments: None**
  - I. **4/19/21 Police Dept, on location. Claimant reports right shoulder soreness/tightness, difficulty with range of motion after having to physically restrain a combative subject. Comments: Occupational Hazard**

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- J. 4/20/21 Fire Dept on location. The EE was assisting a driver pull a stretcher from the ambulance when the stretcher struck her left hand causing a hand contusion. Comment: None
  - K. 4/30/21 Finance Dept at Town Hall. Claimant was cleaning wooden office furniture sustained a sliver on top section of right index finger, Hand cut/puncture. Comments: None
  - L. 5/19/21 Highway Dept on location. Claimant was grinding inside the hopper of a sweeper to prepare for welding. The grinder caught a piece of angle iron causing the tool to twist and pull on his shoulder. Shoulder dislocation. Comments: None
  - M. 6/1/21 Police Dept, On location of call. While responding to a call Officers attempting to restrain an unruly subject to take into protective custody. He tackled to the ground while still resisting restraint. Officer reports strained neck and shoulder. Comments: Occupational Hazard
  - N. 6/1/21 Police Dept, on location. While attempting to take subject into protective custody, Officer sustained exposure to blood and spit on arms, hands and face. Comments: Occupational Hazard
  - O. 6/1/21 Police Dept, on location. While responding to a call Officers attempting to restrain an unruly subject in an attempt to take into protective custody an officer was exposed on his left side to blood and spit. While sustaining injury to his left wrist and back. Comment: Occupational Hazard
4. CIRMA Inspection Update: Stephen Pendl inspected the three fire stations in town. The structures appeared to be in good condition with no obvious visual or physical priority hazards, that could create the potential to cause significant injury or harm to the inhabitants of the structure. Some general housekeeping and standards issues were detected. Recommendations were brought to the attention of local emergency management supervisors in an attempt to resolve conditions of concern.
5. Blood Drive in memory of Mike Giannattasio is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 – 6:00 PM at the East Lyme High School.
6. Adjourn: 2:27 PM

*Next Regular Meeting Date: August 12, 2021 @ 2:00 PM*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane Bowen

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