

**TOWN OF HARRISBURG
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Harrisburg Town Hall
August 22, 2019
9:00 am**

MINUTES

Present:

Debbie Rogers Lowery, Janet Rackley, Tihisha Sharif, Larry Aldridge, Adam Abernathy, Rob Donham, Corey Jones, Jeff Williams

Meeting called to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from July 25, 2019 were approved by consensus of the committee.

Bloodborne Pathogen/Hazard Communication Training:

Larry will be conducting this in a couple of months. Will work with Tihisha to schedule. Fire Department has already completed theirs and either Jimmy Greene or John Renner will provide the documentation from Fire.

Hepatitis B Records:

We are currently working on getting the Fire Department records, and we are keeping up with all the other departments as well. Emergency personnel are required to have the titer following the vaccinations, so if any have not had that they need to be sent. If they do not, they will have to sign declination forms. The titer is not required for non-emergency personnel, but we may offer it as a voluntary measure. Larry will find out the cost to do this so we can determine if it can be done this year.

Tetanus is not required by OSHA but could also be something the Town could offer if everyone agrees. We will talk more about that later.

Incident Review:

Fire Department – Employee was injured while driving. Making a left turn when left hand slipped off the steering wheel and hit grab handle. Injury was a bruise to the left hand. Employee had an x-ray of his hand and received over the counter medicine. The group discussed and it was stated that this happens frequently on these big trucks. Determination: Non-Preventable.

Fire Department – Employee was mowing at Station #3 and ran into a tree branch cutting his ear. Employee received stitches in the ear. Questions surrounded whether the employee was wearing proper PPE and had been properly trained for mowing. Employee was using his personal mower on his day off. Determination: Preventable.

Safety Grants:

The new grants are open now through October 31, 2019 and will be awarded in November. Make sure to get requests to Tihisha before the deadline.

There will be no September meeting, so the next meeting will be held on October 24, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned.

Debbie Lowery, Safety Consultant

Larry Aldridge, Safety Officer