



Workplace, Health & Safety Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
1:00 PM Town Hall

*Present:* Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez, Troy LaMere, Judy Ludwig, Paul Padua and  
Leo Colwell

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with Troy LaMere as chairperson.

*Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2026*

**MOTION** P. Padua to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting as presented.  
Second H. Tirrell. J. Ludwig abstained. Motion carried.

*Old Business*

- Botelle School playground bench – L. Colwell contacted West Lowe and he has the materials to repair and will take a look at the bench.
- Botelle School slide – T. LaMere reported that Public Works will be working on the slide in the Spring when the ground is dry.
- Wall Project – T. LaMere reported that the project was paused because of bad weather, but it shouldn't effect the deadline. H. Tirrell reported that the third retaining wall is on the State's list but will not be added to the end of this project. He reached out to the commissioner but because of permitting, utilities, etc. it will need to be done as a separate project. H. Tirrell will be attending tomorrow's wall project meeting at 1:00.
- T. LaMere reported that the end of Old Colony Road was opened up at the request of the State Police when the traffic light for the wall project had broke. He will be closing it off again until the project is completed.
- T. LaMere and H. Tirrell are working on getting speed limit signs from the State of CT.
- Cell Service – T. LaMere expressed his concern about the dangers of lack of cell service in certain areas of town. He suggested reaching out to whoever will be installing the new tower in South Norfolk (Estey Road). There have been several instances this winter when he had zero contact with the plow drivers. H. Tirrell spoke with Kevin Haitzsch who tested out a new radio, similar to a walkie talkie system, which runs off a small amount of cell service and works really well. P. Padua is hoping service improves once the new firehouse is built with a new antenna.
- Maple Avenue egress problem – T. LaMere and H. Tirrell are looking into the problem of getting out onto Route 44. The State needs to cut some trees.
- Site Stream – H. Tirrell will be reaching out to try to get another monitor to replace the one that was destroyed when the pole was hit by a car. The process and possible locations were discussed.
- Town Hall retaining wall – Jim Kochiss will be submitting a quote and Joe Marolda is also interested in the job.
- Emergency Phone Numbers – B. Gomez is working on the list.

*New Business*

- The ambulance volunteers asked if Public Works could clean up the chip seal materials that got tracked into the ambulance barn from the parking lot. T. LaMere will contact S. Evans about it.
- Bruey Road (heading towards Winchester) – P. Padua reported that a sign warning of a school bus turnaround is completely covered in snow and needs to be cleared. T. LaMere will take care of it.
- Mountain Road Bridge – H. Tirrell reported that Wetlands is aware of the tree work going on and the trees are marked. Mountain Road will be closed at the intersection once the project begins (April – November) and the NVFD and ambulance will be notified. The State will take care of the signage.

*Any Worker's Compensation Injuries*

- No new injuries

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara Gomez, Secretary