

WORKPLACE, HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
1:00 PM Town Hall



Present: Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez, Troy LaMere, William Brodnitzki, Paul Padua, Tyler Yelsits, Lauren Valentino and Leo Colwell

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

Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2026

MOTION P. Padua to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting as presented.
Second William Brodnitzki. L. Valentino abstained. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Botelle School slide – T. LaMere reported the slide is usable but not 100%. He has exchanged emails with the company, and they will be coming out to fix a few spots.
- Wall Project – H. Tirrell reported that at last week's meeting update they projected 8 weeks until the wall is completed enough to open the road. There may be a few items to finish in the Spring. A stockade fence will be bolted to the top of the wall for safety purposes.
- T. LaMere purchased four 25mph speed signs and placed them on Loon Meadow Drive.
- B. Brodnitzki expressed concern about speeding on Maple Avenue. H. Tirrell will get a printed report from the speed feedback sign. The Selectmen will discuss forming an ad hoc committee for the speed ticketing cameras at today's BOS Meeting.
- Cell Service – T. LaMere reported that a tower was installed at Botelle School for the Public Works Department. There is still a dead spot at the Town farm and he will test the radios in South Norfolk soon. L. Valentino reported that the buses have occasional issues. T. LaMere will report back at next meeting.
- Maple Avenue Egress Site Lines – H. Tirrell will be meeting with the State of CT DOT once the railing is fixed to look at the trees and curbing. The town will be replacing the sidewalk.
- Town Hall retaining wall – T. LaMere reported that public works may not have the time this year to assist with the repair prior to winter.

New Business

- Mountain Road sinkhole past the Westside Road intersection – T. LaMere reported it is a pipe problem and public works covered it with plates. The road may need to be closed for repair.
- Old Goshen Road & Smith Road Bridges – H. Tirrell reported that the jobs will be going out to bid together using one construction company to repair both bridges (Old Goshen Road Bridge in April 2027 and Smith Road Bridge in April 2028).
- Town Center Parking – seems to be a problem with Summer traffic and larger vehicles
- T. LaMere reported sidewalks in the center of town have been redone on one side and the tree in front of the post office was removed.

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New Business (continued)

- Discussion regarding removing the islands from the center of town.
- The crosswalks have been painted.
- The chain link fence in disrepair, going into the Meadowbrook parking lot, is privately owned. P. Padua reported that the section of the fence that was poking out into the sidewalk has been secured back with bungee cords.
- Meadowbrook – new parking spaces have been added to the center of the lot which may cause a problem for public works plowing and the ambulance backing up.
- P. Padua discussed adding a stop sign to the 5-way intersection (coming up Shepard Road from Route 44). If you're pulling out of John Curtiss Road, you can't see well and traffic is coming up Shepard Road fast. T. LaMere will put up a stop sign.
- Botelle School slide – L. Valentino asked about access going up the hill. Public Works made a little access road to the left of the slide coming up the hill. L. Valentino suggested a railing along the right side (going uphill) for any adults that may be supervising. Discussion regarding closing the slide for the winter and the warranty timeline.
- L. Valentino reported that there is a bee's nest by the pickleball court.

Any Worker's Compensation Injuries

- No injuries to report

MOTION P. Padua to adjourn at 1:54 p.m. Second T. Yelsits. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Gomez, Secretary