

Workplace, Health & Safety Committee Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
1:00 PM Town Hall



Present: Henry Tirrell, Barbara Gomez, Troy LaMere, Howard Crunden, Bill Brodnitzki,
Tyler Yelsits and Leo Colwell

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

Minutes: June 4, 2025

MOTION B. Brodnitzki to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2025 meeting as presented.
Second T. Yelsits. Abstained H. Tirrell. Motion carried.

Approval of 2026 Meeting Schedule

MOTION T. LaMere to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented. Second H. Tirrell.
Carried unanimously.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Ballfield bench has been repaired by Public Works.
- Botelle School playground bench – Curved bench cannot be repaired by Public Works. L. Colwell will reach out to West Lowe, who made the bench, to see if he can repair it.
- Botelle School slide – H. Tirrell reported that Public Works was working on it at the end of the Summer but the conditions on the ground made it difficult to get in and out. Rather than risk damaging equipment the project was put on hold until conditions improve. T. LaMere reported that frozen ground with no snow would be the best time to dump the necessary materials. Also, he will reach out to the slide company regarding rubber mats and materials they agreed to provide.
- Botelle School playground – T. Yelsits reported that he has corrected the washout going uphill from the playground by filling with stone.
- Wall Project – T. LaMere reported that it should be completed by the end of this Summer or early Fall. Troy got called in by the State Police because the traffic light stopped working, which created a lot of chaos. He reopened the end of Old Colony Road to assist with traffic flow.
- Maple Avenue – B. Brodnitzki reported that we still need speed limit signs (25mph) as they were never replaced after the reconstruction project. T. LaMere will order signs. H. Tirrell reported that the State will be supplying Norfolk with two flashing speed limit signs. T. LaMere will install one at the bottom of the hill near the Manor House.
- Cell Service – B. Brodnitzki reported that cell service is bad or non-existent in north and south Norfolk. Discussion regarding the danger this presents. T. LaMere suggested that the selectmen reach out to the State of CT representatives regarding possible usage of the tower on Winchester Road.

New Business (continued)

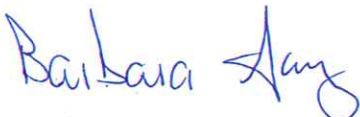
- B. Brodnitzki expressed concerns about egressing Maple Avenue onto Route 44. The site line to the left is not good in the Summer because of trees and in the winter there are piles of snow. In addition, cars are speeding down the hill faster than the 25mph limit. H. Crunden, who plows that area, will make sure the snow is hauled out if it gets too high.
- Route 44 sidewalk, coming down to Maple Avenue, needs to be repaved and overhanging trees need to be cut. This is a State road, but the State refuses to repair or plow the sidewalk. T. LaMere suggested that we talk to the homeowner for permission to cut trees. L. Colwell suggested that we send a letter to the State.
- H. Tirrell reported that Site Stream, the company that operates an automatic speed camera ticketing system, placed a monitor on a utility pole on Route 44 near Laurel Way and the pole was struck by a vehicle two days later. The monitoring unit was never found.
- Town Hall – L. Colwell reported that the retaining wall in the front of the building still needs repair. T. LaMere had talked to Jim Kochiss and Leo Groppo about the repair. He will get a price from Jim Kochiss and Joe Marolda (who just replaced the side stairs).
- Botelle School – T. Yelsits asked T. LaMere if Public Works could help out with any future ice issues in the parking lot. T. LaMere said to just call or text his cell phone.
- T. Yelsits also requested a list of emergency phone numbers. B. Gomez will update current list.
- New Fire House – construction underway. Questions came up regarding the manhole in the middle of Shepard Road. T. LaMere reported that it was paved today.
- NVFD – the old fuel tank will emptied, stored and moved to the new location when the time comes. Refueling will be at the Town Garage.

Worker's Compensation

- No new injuries to report. Employees with previous injuries are back at work.

MOTION T. LaMere to adjourn at 1:28 p.m. Second B. Brodnitzki. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Gomez, Secretary