

Town of Kent Safety Committee
July 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Present: Lesly Ferris, Joyce Kearns, Rick Osborne

Public and Invited Guests: Susie Rundall

Chairman Lesly Ferris called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Minutes: Mrs. Ferris noted the minutes of the April 6, 2017 minutes should say the incident at South Kent School took place March 12, 2107. Mr. Osborne made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017 as corrected. Mrs. Kearns seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review of Safety Plans: There were no changes to any safety plans. Mrs. Ferris noted the committee has received through First Selectman Bruce Adams a copy of the All-Hazards School Security and Safety Plan at Kent Center School for 2017-1018.

Discussion of Safety Issues: Quarterly review of accidents/incidents: Mrs. Kearns reported there were two injuries reported by the Kent Volunteer Fire Department at the May 17, 2017 forest fire in Kent. These were reported to CIRMA.

Knox Boxes Follow-up: Mr. Osborne and Mrs. Ferris continue to work on installation of the Knox boxes.

Emergency Shelter Discussion: Mrs. Ferris reported she had a conversation with Bill Hurley, head custodian at Kent Center School, regarding the possibility of isolating heat, water and electrical service for the cafeteria and gymnasium areas on a generator so that the school could be considered as the Town's emergency shelter. Mr. Hurley noted the heating system would present a problem, and a very large generator would be needed. The committee discussed the generator grant which needs to be expended by February 2018. The grant totals \$23,000 with the Town responsible to fund \$5,700 of this amount, according to Mrs. Rundall. The committee agrees the Town first needs to ascertain that the grant still is viable. The committee consensus is the Kent Town Hall would be suitable for an emergency shelter, and food could be prepared and served at the Senior Center. The Town Hall also could be used as a cooling center. Mrs. Kearns made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Kent Town Hall be designated the Town's emergency shelter in conjunction with the Kent Senior Center. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mrs. Kearns made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Selectmen verify the generator grant and request the location of the Town of Kent Emergency Shelter be changed to Kent Town Hall. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mrs. Kearns made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that, contingent upon the viability of the generator grant and the designation of Kent Town Hall as the Town of Kent Emergency Shelter that the grant be used in conjunction with the funds in the Five-Year Capital Plan to replace and upgrade the generator at the Kent Town Hall. Mr. Osborne seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mrs. Ferris said she would send these recommendations to the

Board of Selectmen and ask that this topic be placed on the agenda of the August selectmen's meeting.

Mrs. Rundall asked how many AEDs are located in Town? The committee identified four locations as well as those that may be carried by Kent Volunteer Fire Department ambulance volunteers.

The next Town of Kent Safety Committee meeting is Oct. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Osborne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Lesly Ferris
Chairman

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