

Minutes
Safety Committee Meeting
July 2, 2019
Blair Agency

The Safety Committee met on Tuesday, 7/2 to, among other things, go over the last details involved in planning for Safety Day on Sunday, July 7, from 11AM-1PM. There will be lots of games and activities for kids, all focused on safety. The Scavenger Hunt starts at noon. Hot dogs and candy will be earned by kids as they participate in various Safety Day activities.

The meeting was run by our chairman, Michael Tirrell. Other attendees were Officer Ben Kolko, Lifeguard Evan Damuck, Safety Committee members attending included Harry Rosenblum, Lisa Fryer, Jessica Cohen, Gina Cressey, Beanie Einstein, and Jeffrey Wilt. Discussion of other safety issues followed a review of all plans for Safety Day.

Lisa and Jessica who both live on George St. continued to be distressed by speeding, our most vexing safety problem, mostly by trucks going downhill toward construction sites. They are loud and going too fast to be ID'ed from a porch. Officer Kolko suspects that the drivers of offending trucks are somehow keeping track of when police are on duty, because whenever he checks them, they are not speeding. He agreed to ramp up surveillance of that area and report his findings.

More on speeding: the Town of Northport owns many Bayside roads, Broadway among them. The Town has to support our speed signs, and our desire to move them around. We need to familiarize ourselves more with DOT regulations re: speed positing. Bill Paige will be consulted and report back to Safety Committee.

A number of people felt that more tickets should be issued by the officers. The pre- season period where people have to get used to having officers on duty again is over. Warnings are still appropriate in many situations. There's nothing like an actual fine to capture a driver's attention.

Waterfront safety: Evan raised the idea of posting a flags on the dock to indicate when swimming is and isn't allowed. He agreed to research the different flags used to signal different conditions — and to follow up with his manager, Bill Paige.

Harry wondered if the use of signal flags could invite a lawsuit if a flag is misinterpreted with a dire consequence.

Our next Safety Committee will be held at the Blair Agency on Monday, July 15 at 1:00 pm. We'll continue to meet every other Monday thereafter. Michael Tirrell will continue to send out a phone number in advance so that people who wish to join the conference can do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Cressey