

Safety Committee Meeting Summary

June 30, 2022

Chaired by Michael Tirrell and attended by Maureen Einstein, Jim Huning, Harry Rosenblum, Lisa Fryer, Gina Cressey.

The agenda included a season preview of lifeguard and police coverage, speeding committee update, discussion of signage at the dock, and discussion of budgetary issues for 2022-2023.

A number of committee members were not present and so some topics may be discussed in greater depth at the next meeting.

Lifeguard Coverage

Ronin Deschamps will be on lifeguard duty Wed. through Sunday, and there will be no lifeguard coverage on Monday and Tuesday. Lifeguards are in such short supply this summer that it's a problem not only on the Maine coast, but for many communities nationwide that have been unable to open their pools.

Police Coverage

Danny Ryosa return this summer as police officer on a schedule being worked out with the Personnel Committee and Bill Paige.

Staffing police departments has been another nationwide challenge. Belfast has been offering a substantial signing bonus to attract qualified officers.

The 2022-2023 budget will be a tight one and there might be some pressure on next year's police budget. Some other small Maine communities have chosen to eliminate police coverage. Several committee members spoke strongly against any thinking around eliminating the police coverage and no one present supported it.

Dock safety signage:

Lisa Fryer and Gina Cressey agreed to rework the language for a new sign stating the dock safety rules.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Cressey