

## Safety Committee, Town of Thomaston

### Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2025, Meeting Room 1, 1 pm

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chair, Vinni Carey

#### **Attendance:**

Vinni Carey, Joe Ouellette, Joe Aniki, Amy Schumann, Detective Koval, Robert Norton, Sr.

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Robert Norton moved to accept minutes of March 12, 2025. Joe Aniki seconded. So voted.

#### **OSHA/Report of Injuries by departments:**

Vinni Carey reported there were no new injuries for the second quarter.

#### **Old Business:**

The Opera House elevator will be worked on soon. The one area of the roof is raised. The Crescent Gallery is still not usable but should be by the end of August.

Fire extinguisher training needs to include the police department as they have extinguishers in their cars.

#### **New Business:**

##### OSHA inspection & fines

At the end of March/early April, OSHA came to do standard inspections at various town buildings. The total fines were around \$15,000 but reduced to about \$5,000. The most common problem were with fire extinguishers not being properly marked and/or inspected monthly. We were also not up-to-date on some training. Training is scheduled for Public Works on June 12, 2025 for Lockout/Tagout. Vinni & Joe are working on all abated items – most to be completed by September.

##### Facility Inspection forms

Vinni handed out the annual self-inspection forms and asked for them to be completed by our next meeting.

##### Training

Detective Koval mentioned that the police officers do their safety training through Post University and it is good for 3 years; however, OSHA requirements prefer an annual refresher. They will look into the CIRMA training to see if it meets the requirements and which can be done at individual officers' convenience.

**Other Business/General Discussion:**

There was discussion on Nystrom's and whether the building and its contents were more the town's or the schools' responsibility when it came to inspections.

Amy asked if the library workers needed to do bloodborne and other training as well as need safety sheets for its basic products and was told yes so the library will be working on that, as their current manual is out-of-date.

**Next Meeting:**

September 10, 2025, at 1:00 pm in Meeting Room 1 at Town Hall

Joe Aniki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 pm. Detective Koval seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amy Schuman