

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past, deceased members.

There were 22 members present.

Ron Zanobi presented the Road Race Scholarships to 7 students.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Rowland Denny, Gary Bottom to accept the Secretary's Report of July 2, 2018.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 6% of the Town Budget.

M/S/P Rowland Denny, Richard Byrne to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Officer of the month: Car 6 Rowland

- Awesome job at the Sunset Ridge barn fire and all the recent calls.
- Had a NarCAN Save the other night from an overdose. Excellent job by the crew!
- Winsted thanked us for our help at the 2 house fires. Rehab trailer was a hit
- Water Soccer was a great time and well received by the participants. Thanks for all the help.
- Hose/suction/ladder testing is this Friday at 9am. Trucks will be shuttling between Botelle. A reminder text will go out
- An SCBA pack with a broken shoulder strap was repaired and a broken mask was replaced.
- The DEEP Mark III pump is back. Had a complete rebuild, new exhaust, Points, etc. Remember it needs 24:1 fuel mix. There's 2-stroke Oil in the box for mixing. If you're not sure, ask someone. Do not guess.
- We were awarded the 50/50 DEEP (\$2500max) grant. 2 full sets of gear. Just waiting on the official letter from the state and then we can order the gear
- New SCBA compressor is in and operational. Very easy to operate but Training needed before use. The 2 biggest reminders don't mess with the pressure gauge and overfill past 4500psi, and fill the bottles slowly (approx. 3min). The Annual Service & Quarterly air testing is now thru MES. Cancelled Shipman's.
- The Storage tank rack was bent in shipping, being replaced free of charge.
- A Thank you letter to Ron carpenter is needed for his wiring of the compressor and assistance.

- LCD is looking to make the firehouse a radio receive point thru the FiBeroptic PSDN to assist the dispatchers in hearing portables near the town center.
- The Litchfield County Regional Fire Training School is near complete. An Open House is being planned for October 20th from 10a to 2p.
- FFI will run from August 22nd to January 9th on Monday & Wednesdays with some weekends. Cost is \$1050.00 per student
- Exterior Firefighter class integrated into the FFI Program. The dates are listed on the FFI schedule
- FFII will run from September 11th to November 13th on Tuesday & Thursdays with some weekends. Cost is \$850.00
- 10 New Minitor 6 pagers issued (14 in circulation now)
- Doolittle house numbering project underway. 8 of 34 installed (signs with arrows on split driveways. No more confusion)
- NVFD Council meeting on August 15th 6:30p re: Annual membership review
- Church Picnic, Winsted Parade, Country Club Fireworks Saturday, August 18th
- Remember Annual Physicals are due by August 27th
- Annual Elections August 27th, 7pm at the firehouse
- Summer time CAFS refresher for the pump operators. Biggest reminder: Circulate water to keep the system cool. I cleaned out the oil/water filter which was full of debris causing the overheat. 220 is normal operating temp. Tested and ok.
- Reminder of selecting Proper footwear when dispatched for trail rescues. Sandals/flip flops (anything open toed) are not appropriate when searching or carrying out victims.
- More good news on the Regional LUCAS CPR Thumper grant. We passed another hurdle and were assigned a Reference Award Number and had a request to provide Direct Deposit information. Still not a guarantee of award. They did remove the extra money requested for the service contracts.
- Need to order more Norfolk Fire plates. Motion for \$406+ shipping for another 50 (Dept. funds)
- 360 North St. now has a Knox box
- Lots of calls the last 2 months. Remember to refuel the trucks. 3/4 or less and it needs refueling.
- Station security: Had an unwanted visitor snooping inside the station who took advantage of an open door and was caught by the cleaners. Remember to close the doors for calls and when you leave. The Radio door being left unlocked. Going to start cracking down on members leaving things open. Door openers have been checked today, they all work. Take it off the visor or get out and close the door manually if you have troubles

Important Dates:

- Friday, August 10th 9a - NVFD Hose & Ladder Testing (Failsafe)
- Monday, August 13th 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, August 18th 12n -4p - Norfolk Immaculate conception Church Town Picnic
- Saturday, August 18th 6p - Winsted Parade
- Saturday, August 18th 8:30p - Norfolk Country Club Firework Standby
- Monday, August 20th 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Monday, August 27th 7p - NVFD Annual Meeting/Elections at FH
- Monday, September 3rd 6p (Labor Day)- NVFD Equipment & Apparatus Inspection
- Monday, September 10th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting

- Saturday, September 15th 12n - Norfolk Car Show in Yale
- Saturday, September 22nd 9a - Joint NVFD/NLCA Meeting
- Sunday, September 23rd 12N - 5k&10k Land trust race Barbour Woods
- Saturday, September 29th 6p - Annual Dinner at the Coon Club. 6p Social hour/cash bar, 7p dinner, 8p awards & swearing in
- Saturday, October 20th - Fire School Open House 10a-2p
- Saturday, October 20th 8a-4p - EMS Symposium HVRHS (Topics: Pediatric Trauma/Sepsis, Difficult Airways, Autism, Domestic minor sex trafficking training for EMSI, Mental health in children for EMS providers)

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Rowland Denny to spend \$406.00 plus shipping to order 50 new NVFD license plates, to come from department funds.

Car 2:

There will be gear check every Monday night at 6:00 during August, except for the last Monday of the month. Bring all your gear.

Great job on the Barn fire.

Car 3:

Thanks to everyone for the WIN event, it was great.
During last Monday equipment check, make sure that the masks are washed down, one was discovered covered in mud.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

Great job at last call.

Car 6:

No report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

We need to replace oxygen tanks, will be back tomorrow because of new supplier. They will be replaced Tuesday, Aug. 7.
Barbour Woods race is coming up.

Mechanics:

In touch with companies regarding the tanker leakage, to have it repaired.

Explorers:

Explorers and showing up for drills and calls.

LCD:

New receivers are coming.

Committee Reports:

- **Rescue Tool Committee:**

Additional companies will be showing their rescue tools and giving members the opportunity to try it out. Will be done at Town Farm.

- **House Committee:**

No Report

- **Fund Raising:**

Breast Cancer t-shirts design was shared. Black shirts with a hot pink design.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Jon Barbagallo to spend \$1,100.00 to purchase shirts, from department funds, pending Trustee approval. If you want a sweatshirt or tank top, they will need to be pre-paid. Shirts will be available by Oct. 1, 2018.

Fried Dough sales were not great. Ordered 5 cases, used 1 case. The Lions Club will purchase some, perhaps the Catholic Church will purchase some.

Thank you note will be sent to Catholic Church thanking them for loaning us their deep fryer.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

- Thursday, Aug 16th 6:30p meeting with Riiska

Meeting with Matt Riiska on Aug. 16, at 6:30 to go over plans for future firehouse.

Correspondence:

Letter of thanks from owner's of the barn where the fire was, with a donation.

Old Business:

A committee will be formed to determine the usage of the John & Eve Thew Scholarship.

New Business:

A request for a variable light sign has been submitted.

A regional light tower has also been requested for purchase.

There were two applications for membership, William Hester from Winsted, and Rachel Christensen. The membership committee will review them, and they will be voted on next month.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Steven Hutchins to adjourn at 7:57.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary