

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019

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 25 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P, Richard Byrne, Judy Ludwig to accept the Secretary's Report of March 4, 2019.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 85% of the Town Budget as of 4/1/19.

M/S/P, Rowland Denny, Ron Zanobi to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Officer of the month: Car 4 Steven

-Great job in Sheffield on March 13th. A terrible outcome but everyone performed excellent. Evidence was preserved and the building was left intact for an investigation to piece together closure for the friends and families involved. Massachusetts investigating as a murder/suicide of 5 people.

-New Marlboro double Structure Fire. Great work saving the church and operating with Massachusetts departments. Unfortunately, the 1st building was completely gone upon arrival but the church is able to be repaired.

-Engine and Tanker mutual aid requests: We are to send 2 engines. 1 to fulfill the request. 2nd to assist the tanker.
-Received D.E.E.P. matching funds for gear grant. \$2500
-E30 TIC has new batteries. At almost 20 years old, need to start looking at replacing. \$7k for a FLIR K65. Possible grants?
-Honda recalled the new generator we just bought. Fuel shut off can leak causing a fire. It's at Goff's in Litchfield being repaired. Should be back Mid to end of April once parts are in.
-Old Colony Road affordable housing units update: lollipop driveway configuration, 8" water main w/2 hydrants in the complex, 20' wide driveway, fire resistant cement buildings with heat pumps/electric appliances. No Oil or Propane in any unit.

- Matt Ludwig requested Knox Boxes for each house and 24/7 monitored smoke alarms.

-26 Doolittle Dr., Zoning approved a Country Inn. Husky Meadow Farm by the Ashpohtag/Lovers/Loon meadow intersection. Possible high occupancy at times.

-WIN meeting April 20th 10am at the HUB. Need to present our summer event

-Would like to host a tanker shuttle drill this summer. Areas?
Considering Grantville & Beckley

-Sunday April 28th Tentative Live burn at the school w/ Nw Depts. Small crews: Driver, Officer and 3 interior. Exteriors and Cadets are encouraged to also attend. Goshen and Lakeville to take engines, Canaan with the ladder and Kent with the rescue. Let Matt know if interested.

-Meadowbrook's kitchen smoke alarms sensitivity being looked into by the FM

-The Litchfield County Regional Fire School has upcoming accelerated Firefighter 1 (5/13 to 8/10) and Firefighter 2 (6/14 to 8/3) programs.

Important Dates:

-Monday, April 8th 6:00p - NVFD FIT testing (mandatory for interiors) & Tanker operations

- Sunday, April 14th 10a - Joint FD/EMS Extrication drill at Town Farm
- Monday, April 15th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (T.I.C.s)
- Monday, April 22nd 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Wednesday, April 24th 6p - "General Member" meeting
- Monday, April 29th 6p - NVFD Equipment inspection & Officer Mtg.
- Monday, May 6th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Saturday, May 11th 9a - Joint NVFD/NLCA Meeting
- Saturday, May 25th 12N - Station Memorial Day Cleanup

Car 2:

Driver coats for active A, C, or D looking for sizes, see Brian.

M/S/P, Brian Hutchins motioned for purchase of 10 jackets out of town funds not to exceed \$2,600, Matt Ludwig, second.

Car 3:

Reminder of fit testing next Monday April 8th at 6pm.

Car 4:

Job well done at both structure fires.

Monday April 8th there will be a stationary tanker shuttle drill at the fire house. More trainings to be announced for the coming Mondays

M/S/P, Steve Hutchins motioned for a new light bar for brush truck not to exceed \$700.00 from town funds, Matt Ludwig second.

Car 5:

Reports in that the church in New Marlboro can be saved and they be fixing it.

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

Looking into purchase of 12 pairs of gloves at \$40 each for brush truck, to be discussed at next month's meeting.

EMS Captain:

April 14th at 10am there is a tentative extrication drill.

New black backpack in back of squad for ropes and search calls has been refilled with bandages and other supplies.

Two new sets of expired pads ordered for AED.

Four boxes of wipes that were used at structure fires have been replaced.

Working on Policies and procedures on decon, this will be discussed at next officers meeting.

Mechanics:

John Hutchins and Sam are working on brush truck primer.

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned to purchase electric primer on brush truck price not to exceed \$800.00, Brian Hutchins second.

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **Rescue Tool Committee:**

The committee reported that the rescue tool was ordered, discussion regarding the warranty followed. Steve Hutchins to follow up.

- **House Committee:**

- Panty has been replenished with funds approved from last month's meeting.
- Thank you to Anita and Theresa for making pancakes during early morning call.

Truck Committee

No Report

- **Fund Raising:**

No Report

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Judy will be placing an order for shirts and pants orders take 6-8 weeks to come in.
- Roberta Miller voted into membership

- Additional T-shirts, hoodies, and tank tops are available for \$24-26 each, email Paul with requests. One t-shirt per member will be provided to each member that signed up.

M/S/P, Steve Hutchins motioned for 48 T-shirts to be ordered, price not to exceed \$600.00 out of department funds, Rowland Denny second.

New Business:

- Reminder of Road Race coming up, looking for help at the ballfield for registration. Non-member volunteers are also welcome.
- Regional hazmat team went through trainings.
- Cell phone and internet outages this weekend throughout entire town. Looking into what we can do to fix the problem for emergency management
- 911 did continue to work over T-Mobile backup.
- General members had a meeting last month to look into what can and can't be done. Follow up meeting on April 24th at 7pm. Looking to form a committee with chair person.
- Application from Justin Zarzvoki to be voted on next month.

M/S/P, Rowland Denny, Steve Hutchins to adjourn at 7:42.

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NVFD Secretary