

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 4, 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 21 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P, Richard Byrne, Dan Wouri to accept the Secretary's Report of January 7, 2018.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 76% of the Town Budget as of 2/4/19.

M/S/P, Richard Byrne, Ted Hinman to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Officer of the month: Car 2 Brian

- End of year expenses: Replacement BT lightbar \$1000, Driver/Pump operator coats \$250ea Hutch, Paul, Ron, Richard
- Binoculars are in-service. (1) on E40, (2)on S20, Cab & Pass side center compt.
- Went thru and updated Maps & Equipment in the S&R bags. However the bags are falling apart from age.

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned for 4 new bags at \$25ea. \$100 total from town funds Richard Byrne second.

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned, Rowland Denny approval of town budget increase of for new equipment.

- Selectmen looking at a Fire District possibly. There are a lot of Pros & Cons that need to be researched before anything is brought to the town for a vote, in addition to the discussions that are needed into how this will impact the department structure and our current Non-profit status.

- Motion to approve the NVFD Town budget as prepared by the NVFD Council and forward to the Selectmen's office. \$88,690 to \$97,225 (9.62% increase)

- Training increase, reoccurring contracts for equipment maintenance, vehicle maintenance, & physicals.

- New Health Center in Winsted moving forward. Will be located at the old canton cycle across from the Rt8 off ramp at RT44. Will have a Heli-pad. 7-exam rooms, CT scanning. The Spencer St. location will close. Construction starting in April 2019, planned completion in 1 year. A 2020 opening. Will still have 9a to 9p hours but may change is visits increase. Winsted Health Center is currently under 7000 visits/year.

- Fire School is looking to make an email list of officers/members for classes being offered to help get the word out. Let me know if you're interested in joining the email list.

- The Fire School is looking to create a list of courses to offer. If you don't see something being offered, don't be afraid to ask for courses and be creative; it's a beautiful facility and it's available. The school has program managers to capitalize and tailor to the needs of the area and get the right people and the right resources for training. Let me know or contact the school directly.

- Fire School is looking for steel furniture for the burn house. Not allowed to have combustibles inside. Let me know if you have any or know if some.

- Torrington has updated their frequencies adding 3 Fire-ground channels. Our radios have been updated to match.

- Scene 8 is the official channel for Tankers responding into Torrington

- Current List of portables in the Norfolk apparatus:

- S20- 2 portables

- E30- 2 portables
 - E40- 2 portables
 - B50 - 2 portables (one has the headset on it)
 - E90 - 1 portable
 - T100 - 1 portable
- No posting mutual aid pics on FB/Social media. No fires/accidents. A pic of the standby crew/truck at HQ on the department page is ok. If you have a pic send it to the Winsted Chiefs or Department involved to post and control info.
 - March 2nd is the penguin plunge in Winsted
 - April 4th at the Aqua-Turf is a party to recognize Marquam Johnson on getting inducted into the Fire Fighters Hall of Fame on April 4th. \$40/pp
 - Town EOC now has a 40" spotted dog/weather monitor.
 - Remember to rinse off the trucks after calls and drills. Undercarriages were rinsed clean on Sunday. The station is finally looking presentable, I appreciate everyone's efforts to keep it this way.
 - Joint NVFD/NLCA meeting: Saturday, February 16th 9am. Open to ALL members. Interior, Exterior, General, & Cadets. Breakfast served.

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned, Rowland Denny \$30 for refreshments from department funds for joint meeting.

- CT is making by switching to the NREMT Certification for EMT's starting in 2020. Recerts will be via approved continuing education hours (40hrs over 2 years), no more written test
- Winsted area is looking for ideas on a big regional drill. Haz-mat, tanker shuttle, building collapse all being looked into
- New Marlboro FD is hosting Mass Fire Academy classes:
 - 2/5 - 7pm Taking action against cancer in the fire service
 - 3/12 - 7pm Roadway Safety for Emergency Responders
- a Fall Ropes 1 & 2 class is being planned at the fire school
- Strategy & Tactics class in North Canaan FD: February 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st
18:00hrs to 22:00hrs. Free class. Contact Norfolk C1 to enroll. 3 are going so far

Important Dates:

- Monday, February 11th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (Foam and appliances)
- February 12, 14, 19, 21 6p-10p - North Canaan FD Strategy & Tactics Class
- Saturday, February 16th 9a - NVFD/NLCA Joint meeting
- Monday, February 18th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (gear check)
- Tuesday, February 19th 6p - Car Show meeting at EMS HQ
- February 23rd & 24th - Weekend-in-Norfolk
- Monday, February 25th 6p - NVFD Equipment Inspection & Officer Meeting (gear check)
- Saturday, March 2nd 12n - Winsted Penguin Plunge
- Monday, March 4th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, March 5th 6p - NVFD Council Meeting
- Thursday, March 7th 6p-9p - DEEP Brush fire training at the fire school

Car 2:

- Drill on Monday February 11th for foam class & appliances
- Drill on Monday February 18th , rain date the 25th , for TNT rescue tool demo. Turn out gear inspection before drill.

Car 3:

Fit testing date to be announced.

Car 4:

Small issue with corrosion of fit 5 on brush truck, ok'd by the manufacturer.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

- Grant period open for Cadets that want to attend the CFA Intro to Fire Service program in June.
- New preliminary SOP's for cadets are attached for review.
- See highlighted sections in the SOP's for possible revisions see Richard Byrne for any suggestions.
- Consider cadet application changes with parental signature line - see current application attached for all members.

LCD:

LCD passed budget to come back to Riiska about increase a 1.5% for Norfolk.

Committee Reports:

- **Rescue Tool Committee:**

Looking for recommendation to move forward with rescue tool committee for March meeting.

- **House Committee:**

No Report

- **Fund Raising:**

-Car show meeting Tuesday, Feb 19th 6p at EMS headquarters. We were contacted by Marie Isabell who's looking to have FD&EMS services take over the operations and share proceeds, approx. \$7,000. (Car Show Date: September 14th 11a-3p). Will discuss at joint Services meeting on February 16th.

-Office of Rural Health offers grants funds twice a year that both EMS & Fire are eligible for. See Kitty for additional details.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

No Report

Old Business:

M/S/P, Ashley Allen voted into general membership.

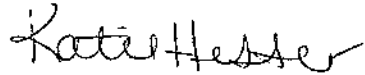
T-shirt design for patriotic themed has been sent out, if you would like to sign up for a department shirt please sign up on the sign up sheet posted at the fire house.

New Business:

Re-opening of truck committee set for next month's meeting. Please see Steven if interested.

Paul to arrange meeting of general members.

M/S/P, Steven Hutchins, Sam Newman to adjourn at 7:52.



Katie Hester
NVFD Secretary