

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 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 24 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P, Todd Miller, Dan Wouri to accept the Secretary's Report of February 4, 2019.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 81% of the Town Budget as of 3/4/19.

M/S/P, Richard Byrne, Steve Hutchins to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

- Sad to report that Anne Wuori passed away February 19th. One of the founding members of the Ladies Auxiliary in 1971. Bunting has been hung in her honor
- Past member Ellis Sylvernale Jr. (joined in 1961) passed away at Jacksonville memorial hospital Jacksonville, FL on February 22nd. His Father was our chief for 14 years.
- Good job covering the car fire and barn fire during the snow storm and the house fire in New Marlboro.
- Eversource response to Rt44: The incident is being investigated and we are waiting on the report. We are only to perform traffic control measures for up to 2 hours in accordance with the National Traffic Incident Management protocols and the equipment we carry. Any longer and it becomes a safety issue for our members and we are to close the road.
- With the portable radio reprogramming, each radio is ID'd to its truck and labeled as such. Please keep them with their assigned apparatus.
- DOT is requiring CDL Physicals every 6 months for anyone 70+ years old. a \$44 cost, Dept covered.
- The Background check fee has been waived by CSP. Just need to provide proof of workman's comp insurance at the time of the request.
- Car Show Update: The Lions Club is going to take lead on its future. If we want to have a table the day of we are welcome

- End of year purchases: After the other officer items are purchased, there is budget funds to upgrade members pagers to monitor 6s. Have a written quote for \$415 each.
- A Radio “Receive only” antenna for (Dispatch & Command) was installed on the station. It is connected into the Fiber PSDN & will give LCD Dispatchers better listening coverage for portables in the area and inside houses/basements. No longer trying to reach the North Canaan or Colebrook towers with 5w portables.
- If we are standing by for another department in their quarters, do not use lights and sirens. Cold response.
- The Foundation for Norfolk Living is proposing a 19 unit affordable housing complex on Old Colony Rd. next to the DPW. Matt Ludwig sent the P&Z some FD concerns/suggestions and has a meeting with them this week with the FM
 - a. Looking to ensure Hydrants w/1000gpm capabilities are installed
 - b. Designated fire lanes, markings and signage
 - c. Ensure Driveway width appropriate for access/egress of apparatus. Don’t want trucks backing up or 1 truck blocking access for others.
 - d. 24/7 alarm monitoring (Smoke/Heat/Co & Gas if applicable)
 - e. Fire resistive car ports/housing siding in close proximity to other houses
 - f. Knox Boxes
- Variable Message Sign (VMS) trailer update. Selectmen signed the paperwork last month regarding hosting the unit from Region 5, this is a town asset and will be kept at DPW. We will have training when it arrives and warms up.
- Winsted Penguin plunge was postponed to this Saturday, March 9th at 10am. Our help has been requested to open the ice up. Suits, pike poles, PFDs. A text of specific times will go out.
- Monday the 11th is a Fire Service planning summit at the Fire School. Discussion on keeping the future of CTs volunteer fire service going.
- Council meeting tomorrow night, 6p. Follow up only

Important Dates:

- Monday, March 5th 6p - NVFD Council Meeting
- Saturday, March 9th 10a - Winsted Penguin Plunge
- Monday, March 11th 6:30p - NVFD Drill, Ted & Brush fire chain saw safety
- Monday, March 18th 6:30p - NVFD Drill MayDay policy and radios, uniform fitting
- Monday, March 25th 6p - NVFD Equipment inspection & Officer meeting
- Monday, April 1st 7p - NVFD Monthly meeting
- Monday, April 8th 6:30p - NVFD FIT testing (mandatory for interiors)
- April Sunday, Extrication class (Date TBA)

Car 2:

Gear inspection from last month is complete with the exception of 2 people.
 Be mindful at calls of the turnout gear when onsite
 Use buddy system when out on calls

Car 3:

Ted offered to do refresher on brush fires and forest fires chain sawing Monday March 11th at weekly drill.

March 18th go over mayday policy and procedure at drill.

Fit testing is scheduled for Monday April 8th at 6:30.

Car 4:

Good work in New Marlborough lots of compliments received from other departments.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

A couple of EMR classes will be running excavation.

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **Rescue Tool Committee:**

Narrowed down to 3 companies, quotes only received from two.

Determined e-tools are the way to go. Genesis was determined to be better tool overall.

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned, John Hutchins second to purchase Genesis tool \$44,618.00 of department funds.

- House Committee:

An inventory was completed, and a few items need to be purchased.

M/S/P, Paul Padua motioned for \$20 to be spent to replenish groceries, Steve Hutchins second.

- Truck Committee:

In contact with vendors waiting for better weather.

- Fund Raising:

No Report

- Insurance Committee

No Report

- Building Committee

Waiting on warmer weather to tour Falls Village fire house.

Correspondence:

East Hartland and Thomaston Fire Department Parade invites.

Old Business:

Patriotic T-shirt sign up list is posted on the bulletin board. Total of 36 is needed for the order. The department will provide one shirt per member. Hoodie and tank top sign up sheet will be posted. Further action to be taken at April's monthly meeting.

New Business:

- Uniform fitting scheduled for Monday March 18th 6 pm before drill, see Judy for uniform fitting. Please dry clean first before returning anything.
- New applications for badges are available at the fire house to get everyone up to date during March trainings.
- New application for general member, Roberta Miller to be voted on next month.
- With the new rescue tool purchase we're looking forward to what to do with current tools – looking to keep Lucas tool on engine 30 in back compartment and going to downsize the generator to make room in 30 with sump pumps.

M/S/P, Matt Ludwig motioned for \$1200 of town funds for new smaller generator 2200 watt Honda generator (same style as the one on E90), 47lbs 20" x 11.4" x 16.7", Todd Miller second.

M/S/P, Steve Hutchins Paul Padua, to adjourn at 7:48.

Katie Hester
NVFD Secretary