

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 7, 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 31 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Keith Byrne, Dan Wuori to accept the Secretary's Report of Sept. 9, 2019.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 28% of the Town Budget.

M/S/P Richard Byrne, Norm Christiansen to accept the Treasurer's report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Officer of the month: Car 2 Brian

-Great job at the tanker shuttle. We were able to maintain 1000gpm and identified how to increase our water delivery by increasing 1 of our portable ponds to a 3k gal capacity tank.

-The flag mural on the fire house looks very nice. Thank you, Paul, for arranging to get it completed

-Station Generator serviced for the year. New battery, Oil/filter change

-Cold Water Rescue Class in Norfolk w/CFA: March 7&8. We get 4 free seats. \$90/pp for all other participants/mutual aid

-Received 21 Smoke detectors and 3 CO detectors from Operation Save-a-life, Home Depot/CH8 WTNH.

-Meadowbrook now has a key fob to access the main hallway. The fob is located in the Knox box and labeled

-The Berkshire Store now has a Knox box. Located on the Left side of building by employee entrance. Spotted dog map updated with location

-New Winsted Health Center slated to open Summer of 2020. CT Scan and full-service ER. Same hours 9a to 9p, 7-days a week

-CMEs will be available in Harwinton for EMT recertification with new National Registry/CT requirements. 40hours of CME every 2 years. No written test

-Hailee Moore moved out of town, her status has been moved to inactive, have gear & pager

-Chelsea Bottom resigned due to family obligations. Thanked her for her years of service.

-Norm Christensen has moved his membership status to Fire Police. He has been sworn in with the town and has the TIMS certificate. Norfolk FP 100

-Working on writing a Thermal imager & gear grant. Going to request the same in the December appeal letter also

-Karaoke/Tree lighting/Breakfast w/Santa advertising in November edition of the Norfolk NOW & social media. Will have Barbagallo assist

-October 12th 10a start- Tour De Forest bike ride. FP needed to assist with crossing at Shepard rd./Westside Rd. and IFO the Library. Daryl will be with U70 in the Forrest with the mobile radio in the event an injury occurs

-Sunday, October 13th 8a-12n - Mountain Side Drill in Canaan, CT. Recon of the trail system. Bring quads if you have one, U70 going also. Food will be provided.

-Norbrook Brewery Mtn Bike trail map meeting, Wednesday, Oct 16th 6p at Norbrook. Currently 10miles of trails behind the brewery, some very steep. Working with Colebrook & Rope teams on an access/egress preplan

-Fire prevention week not happening at Botelle. We are going to have the smoke house trailer at the FD tentatively on Sunday, October 20th from 12n-2p for Norfolk kids and adults. Going to advertise in school newsletter & online.

-Remember that the Forcible Entry class is Saturday, October 26th 8a to 4p at the station.

-Halloween detail on Maple Ave is on, Thursday the 31st from 5p to 7:30p

-Reminder that Pack straps, mask straps, and tank connections need to be extended and tightened. If you put it on the truck you are responsible that it is properly stowed and ready to go. LTs will oversee

-Estey Rd dry hydrant install Nov 9th or 10th depending on weather

Building committee:

We need to meet ASAP to give our suggestions for members for the town committee. Thursday oct 17th 7:30p

Important Dates:

-Monday, October 7th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting

-October 12th 12n-3p - Tour De Norfolk bike race. FP at Library & Shepard Rd

- Sunday, October 13th 8a-12n - Mountain Side Drill in N. Canaan, Recon of the trail system. Food will be provided.
- Monday, October 14th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (response scenarios)
- Thursday, October 16th 6p - Norbrook Brewery Trail planning meeting
- Sunday, October 20th 12-2 - Fire Prevention
- Monday, October 21st 6p - NVFD Drill equipment/apparatus inspection, Officer meeting
- Saturday, October 26th 8a-4p - Forcible Entry Class Norfolk
- Monday, October 28th 6:30p - Walk thru of the Sewer plant
- Thursday, October 31st 5p-7:30p - Halloween on Maple Ave
- Monday, November 4th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Friday, November 8th 9a - Annual SCBA Flo-Test with MES

M/S/ Matt Ludwig, Ted Hinman to spend \$85.00 to co-advertise the Breakfast with Santa with the Holiday Sale upstairs for a full-page ad in the Norfolk Now. After discussion, **motion was withdrawn without a vote**. The membership felt the event was successful enough without having to pay for additional advertising.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Rowland Denny to spend \$100.00 from Department funds to purchase hot dogs, rolls and candy for Halloween.

Car 2:

Going to do a Fire Prevention here at the Fire House since Botelle School is not having a Fire Prevention event at the school. Potential date is Oct. 20.

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Matt Ludwig for \$125.00 to purchase Fire Prevention supplies to have here at the firehouse.

New red coats are in, everyone in the department will be getting them, from General members up to Chief.

Turn out gear was ordered, and ship date was pushed back to November. Oct. 14, training by Brian, equipment inspection and response scenarios.

Car 3:

No Report

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Equipment inspection found AED battery that was not working, new battery and pads were ordered.

Three opportunities for training EMT/EMR refresher, Mon. & Wed. starting Nov. 4
If you need any refresher, take it now, you get a 3-year certification, if you wait until next year, you only get a 2-year certification.

There are a lot of holes in the ambulance schedule, looking for assistance from FD members.
Working on how to set that up.

Looking at possibly running FD refresher class.

Mechanics:

E40 will be out for maintenance on Oct. 9. Help is needed to remove equipment from the truck.

Explorers:

Need to make sure that Cadets are included in our trainings.

LCD:

No Report

House Committee

Anita is returning water bottles.

Fund Raising Committee

Breast Cancer t-shirts are here. Looking for people to sell them around town. Cost is \$15.00 for all sizes.

Breakfast with Santa – Dec. 7,

M/S/P Todd Miller, Matt Ludwig for \$500.00 from Department Funds. Prices will be going up.
\$10.00 adults, \$8.00 for Seniors and Children 12 and under, Kids under 5 are free.

Rescue Tool Committee:

No report

Insurance Committee

No Report

Building Committee

Reported that Selectmen put a request through to the Board of Finance for \$10,000,000.00 of which \$3,000,000.00 would be for a new Firehouse. Need to get together as the Firehouse committee to get plans in motion. A town committee will be formed with 1 member from the Fire Department. Meeting at the Firehouse on Oct. 17 of department members on the committee.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

Voted on Darren Marciano into membership.

M/S/P Rowland Denny, Gary Bottum to pay for annual dinner \$2355.60 from department funds

M/S/P Rowland Denny, Ted Hinman to pay for service pins \$153.43 from department funds.

New Business:

Application for a Cadet member, John Moran.

Tree Lighting, November 30, 2019.

The department will purchase 3 rope bags for a cost of \$150.00 from Town Funds.

Will look into battery issues on the quad. Will be brought up next month.

Brace Mountain drill on the Oct. 27, would like E20 and the Quad. Squad can also go only if E40 is back in town.

If you need/want a t-shirt, see Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary