

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Dec. 7, 2020

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, Dan Wuori, to accept the Secretary's Report of Nov. 2, 2020.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 46% of the budget.

M/S/P Richard Byrne, Ron Zanobi, to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Training to the 3 LT & Captain this month.

-Thank you everyone for the help with the tree lighting and breakfast with Santa. Getting positive feedback of the department keeping tradition given the circumstances. thanks to Daryl, John, Brian, and others for decorating the station. Looks very nice

-Great evening trainings at the fire school this fall. Currently no more scheduled but will pick up again in March/April.

-AFG Radio Grant: NVFD portion \$37,527.80 = \$201k worth of radios/programming.

Breakdown: 12 standard portables, 15 upgraded "rugged interior" portables, 24 radio holsters, 6 mobiles, 1 base station, 2 chief mobiles, 2 bank chargers, 10 desktop chargers, 2 spare batteries, and vehicle installation. Should all be here for Christmas. Radios will only work in approved locations in CT. Most Talk groups will not receive or transmit cross state which would tie up towers and frequencies, so no listening to New London FD, etc unless you're physically in the region. Town fronted \$23,702.65 and is looking for a portion for reimbursement. The remaining \$14k costs are installation & holsters which can be phased over our budget cycles.

-All SCBA & RIT packs were flo-tested, batteries changed. May2021 need to change SCBA batteries.

-Fire School Spring Classes: Firefighter I, Firefighter II and Exterior Firefighter. The current plan is to run these programs in person, but will be monitoring COVID 19 and may need to start each program virtually. Let me know if you're interested.

Important Dates:

- Monday, December 14th 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, December 19th 5p - Winsted Gator Parade
- Monday, December 21st 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Thursday, December 24th 3p - Santa's Special Delivery
- Monday, December 28th 6p - Equipment/Apparatus inspection, Officer meeting
- Monday January 4th 7pm, NVFD Monthly Meeting

Car 2:

Gear that was ordered has been delayed due to COVID. Not sure when it will be in.

Car 3:

No Report

Car 4:

New SOG is posted on the board in draft form, deals with Mayday protocols. Will be cleaned up and approved, then drill on it.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

If the department wants, the entire department could be tested, free of charge, on a volunteer basis. This is being offered by Community Health and Wellness. The whole department would have to agree. This is available through the end of February. Someone would come to the NVFD and do the swabbing. Would need a commitment of at least 10-15 people. Most likely would be a self-swab. Not a rapid test, results would be available in 2-3 days. not the deep one. People would need to fill out a pre-register form. Could be made available to mutual aid departments. This will be offered Dec. 28 here at the fire house. Forms are available at the firehouse, and will be emailed to mutual aid departments. Do not need to put in any insurance information.

The registration form is being attached to the minutes.

Fire Marshall

The Pub is expanding its space into the old antique store for additional seating. Daryl is working with them.

Husky Meadow Farms on Ashpotog is moving forward. There will be places for at least 18 people to sleep, alarms are being installed. A Knox Box will also be installed. Plans will be put onto Spotted Dog. Looking at Jan. 15, 2021 as opening date.

Preconstruction meeting with Congregational Church for the removal of the steeple and bell tower, a crane will be used, Litchfield Road will be closed. Dates between 12/15 and Christmas.

Mechanics:

E-40 is back in service, everything was done except for undercoating.

E-30 and Brush Truck are out of service.

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

Thanks to House Committee for chili for dinner tonight. Take home any left-over chili.

New stove is here.

- **Fund Raising:**

Santa Breakfast was a good PR to the community.

Santa delivery has been advertised. Will be looking for assistance with drivers and elves. Monday nights are for drop off of gifts.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Committee met with Thomaston FD on Zoom to discuss how they proceeded with their new fire house. The committee meets every 3rd Thursday. If any NVFD member has ideas about the new

firehouse, see a member of the committee to let them know so they can bring it up at their next meeting.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Congregational church would like to borrow signs and cones for their drive thru Christmas Eve service.

Concern about leaving trucks parked outside during monthly meeting. Would probably just leave engines running.

Cone trailer needs to be moved into the shed.

Payment for Breast Cancer shirt needs to be made if anyone owes for them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary