

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 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 24 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** Jeff Rydel, Dan Wuori to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020.

**Treasurer's Report**

**M/S/P** Dan Wuori, Steven Hutchins to accept the Treasurer's Report.

We are at 93% of the town budget.

Snail mail caused bills to be late, town closed their budget. Matt Riiska was made aware of this.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

Training to the 3 LTs this month. Back to regular schedule

**Chiefs report:**

- New suction hose for BT is in and in-service
- DEEP 50/50 grant is open, up to \$2500 match, applying for Member Traffic/identification Jackets
- Annual Physicals July & August at Concentra Due by August 31st. You need to schedule an appt. open M-F, 8a-5p (860.482.4552) 333 Kennedy Dr Suite 202, Torrington, CT
- Sam Newman has resigned from the department
- Aquarian water sent us updated hydrant maps with pipe diameter and ISO ratings. Also updated in Spotted dog with color coding/flow-rates.
- Weekend-in-Norfolk has gone virtual. No events planned due to COVID
- Lancier tool not needed by the school. They have 3 sets already. Want to sell online or to a neighboring Dept
- Fire school has reopened. Car Fire training Monday, July 20th 6p. Be at the station for 5:45p
- If anyone is interested in the technical rope officer position, please let me know by August

- Submitted paperwork to our Fire Warden, Pete Marchand for the brush fire at 30 North St. Possible state reimbursement of \$879.42
- The Greve Foundation awarded a \$10k grant to the Dept to be accepted in January 2021.
- The Hughes foundation awarded a grant to the dept for 3 sets of gear (\$8000 worth)
- Auxiliary speaker installed in radio compartment on E90. Much louder than radio, should address hearing the radio over the engine. Please let me know if it doesn't
- Working with NEMB for a pre-plan of the facility.

**Monday, July 20, fire school is open for car fire training, be at the fire house at 5:45 to drive down.**

### **Important Dates:**

#### **\*Schedule your Annual Physical\***

- Monday, July 6th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, July 13th 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, July 18th 6p - North Canaan Parade (pending)
- Monday, July 20th 6:00p- NVFD Drill Car Fires at the fire school. (Be at Station ready to go for 5:45p)
- Monday, July 27th 6p - Equipment/Apparatus inspection, Officers Meeting
- Monday, August 3rd 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Thursday August 6th 9a-4p -Hose/Ladder/Suction Testing w/ Failsafe
- Saturday, August 22nd 6p - Winsted Parade (pending)
- Monday, August 31st 7:30p - NVFD Annual Elections
- Saturday, September 26th 7a-12n - **LIVE BURN at the Fire School (7-12n)**

#### **Car 2:**

No Report

#### **Car 3:**

1) 2 hand lights were sent to Fire Equipment HQ for repair. 1 needed a battery replacement and is back in service. The other was sent out for circuit board fix and battery replacement. Some of this will be covered under warranty. It should be back next week.

2) the Norfolk EMD office has applied to the Region for funds to upgrade the radio system in the trailer. The plan is to upgrade the VHF and UHF radios to 100 watts and obtain an 800mhz radio that will be compatible and programmed with the state radio system frequencies like the state police and county coordinator channels. As part of the upgrade we are also looking into getting a mast system where the antennas can be raised above the trailer to increase the radio coverage.

3) I will be creating a brief video as requested by the Congregational Church asking that the FD be considered for their weekly charity giving. Any funds received would go towards the Road Race Scholarship.

**Car 4:**

Back to basic and new firefighter extra training available contact me see me direct we can set up times, been some interest in extra training. Interior or exterior.

**Car 5:**

No Report

**Car 6:**

No Report

**Car 7:**

No Report

**EMS Captain:**

An AED was donated to the Berkshire Country Store.

We have lots of PPE

**Mechanics:**

Lights were fixed on Squad 20.

**Cadets:**

No Report

**LCD:**

No Report

**Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee:**

Stove has seen better days, it's rusting out.

**M/S/P** John Hutchins Richard Byrne to spend up to \$550.00 to purchase a new stove from department funds. House committee will decide on which model to purchase.

- **Fund Raising:**

No Report

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

No Report

**Correspondence:**

Received a letter from the Greve Foundation awarding us a grant of \$10,000.00 to be awarded in January. Department would like to put the funds towards the purchase of a new tanker or refurbishment.

Geer Foundation awarded us \$8,000.00 to be put towards new gear.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Nomination forms were passed out,

Annual Dinner is coming up, thinking about what to do, possibly catered at the fire house, keep it small, more details to follow.

Generator on the trailer is not working and will be moved to the town barn for repairs.

Ted Hinman inquired about interest in a CPR class. If interested, see him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary