

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2020

Prior to the meeting dinner of homemade macaroni and cheese, salad, Cabot cheese packets, and apple spice donuts was provided by Freund's Farm.

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 27 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Dan Wuori, John Hutchins to approve the Secretary's Report of October 5, 2020.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 41% of the Town Budget.

M/S/P Richard Byrne, Matthew Ludwig to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Training to the 3 LT & Captain this month.

- Thanks to Freund's farm for the Mac & cheese appreciation dinner
- Botelle students had a great time with outdoor Fire prevention. Engine 40 is now to be referred to as "Barbara".
- Nov 16th, 6:30p Goshen FD training with us at town farm, rescue42 jacks
- Nov 23rd, 6:30p Monday night at the fire school for chimney fire training
- Annual appeal soliciting funds to repair/replace tanker
- NW Interior 154.2275 WQML217 frequency has been renewed with FCC, current till 9/2030
- - Fireground 153.830 WQHE447, current till 7/2027
- Generator was serviced by Tower Generator: changed oil, oil filter, spark plug. Ready to go.
- Received Brush fire reimbursement from DEEP \$879.42. 30 North St.
- 1st responding reminder. Only medically trained members are to respond to a residence and make patient or family contact. CPR/AED trained can respond to cardiac arrest calls if they have PPE & equipment. Non-medically trained can respond on the apparatus but need to wait for an EMR/EMT.
- Annual SCBA flo-test & battery change moved to Nov 30th.

- VHF/800Radio update: The MOU with the state is completed and signed to allow Norfolk units to utilize the State 800Mhz network. We will start with 4 private “talk groups” in Norfolk and expand later if needed (a talk group is a channel), (Fireground, Fire/EMS, DPW, Emergency Management). We will be placing the AFG Grant order before Thanksgiving, 4-6week delivery. Should have all the equipment by Christmas or New Years. The officers will work on training, phased implementation/installation, and eventual phase out of the HT1250 portables later down the road.
- Colebrook responses fixed for incidents west of RT183. We were accidentally removed.
- Station security: closing bay doors, etc. Cold weather again & Manchester FD had an incident.
- NVFD apparel & embroidery order. Contact C1: \$65 3-Season Jacket, \$14 winter knit hat, ball caps, \$55 job shirts. \$9 embroidery if you already have the item. \$4 for name
- Tuesday, Nov. 10th 6p for NVFD incentive SOP meeting

Important Dates:

- Monday, November 9th 6:30p - NVFD Drill
- Tuesday, November 10th 6p - NVFD incentive SOP meeting
- Monday, November 16th 6:30p - NVFD Drill w/Goshen at TownFarm (Rescue Jacks)
- Wednesday, November 18th - SCBA Annual Flo-Check MES
- Monday, November 23rd 6:00p NVFD Drill **AT THE FIRE SCHOOL** “Chimney fires”
- Monday, November 30th 6p - Equipment/Apparatus inspection, Officer Meeting
- Saturday, December 5th 6:30a-10a - Breakfast w/ Santa To-Go
- Monday, December 7th 7p -NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Saturday, December 19th 5p - Winsted Gator Parade
- Thursday, December 24th 3p - Santa’s Special Delivery

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Richard Byrne to approve up to \$1,000.00 to print and mail the annual appeal letter. Pending Trustee approval.

Car 2:

Thanks to everyone who has been coming out.

Car 3:

No Report

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

If you're not EMR/T certified, you cannot be first responder unless it's a cardiac arrest.

Possibility of an EMT class. See Dan.

Fire Marshall:

Fire Marshall thanked everyone who participated in Fire Prevention Day.

Propane tank on 207 West Side Road was removed.

Yellow building by theater will become a gallery show place. No update of fate of old pizza shop.

Heat being installed in 17 Stoeckel Estate.

Mechanics:

Trucks are going out for service.

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

Thanks for the food on Halloween.

Kitchen is being reorganized.

- **Fund Raising:**

Breast cancer t-shirts sale is going well. Probably only about 13 shirts left. People love the yellow color.

Breakfast with Santa will be discussed Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 at the Firehouse. In the event it happens, we need to approve money

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Kitty Hickcox to approve \$500.00 for Breakfast with Santa if it happens.

Tree Lighting, we can have Santa on the truck, have the kids line up along the green going towards the fountain so Santa can socially distance.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Sandy Evans to approve \$250.00 for Tree Lighting for food. Will be discussed at meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 6:30.

- Insurance Committee

No Report

- Building Committee

Meeting on Nov. 19, 2020 with Town Building Committee and the Chief of Plymouth fire department.

Correspondence:

Letter from Auxiliary for Community Health looking for donations.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Sandy Evans to send \$250.00 to the Auxiliary for Community Health.

Old Business:

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Sandy Evans to sell the old cook top grill.

Halloween on Maple Ave. went very well. Lots of compliments from parents.

New Business:

Application from James Collins to join as Fire Police. He was voted in as a reinstated member.

There is a survey going around about communication of radios.

Anyone interested in becoming an EMT, but they would have to be able to spend a month at a school in New Hampshire. See Kitty if interested.

Ambulance appeal letter is going out.

M/S/P to adjourn at 7:42.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary