

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Sept. 14, 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 and Jon Barbagallo to accept the Secretary's Report of Aug. 3, 2020

Treasurer's Report

At 31% of the budget

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

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Training: FIT testing for interior members & Metering

- **LIVE BURN THIS MONTH SATURDAY THE 26TH, 7A to 12N at the fire school**
- Oct 19th and Nov 23rd, Monday nights at the fire school for training (Mark your calendars)
- Awesome work by all at the storm response! Everyone really pulled together and helped out. The town and citizens are very thankful for all our efforts.
- Great teamwork by all at the Structure fire in North Canaan. Unfortunate the outcome but our assistance gave Canaan the ability to focus on recovery without having to worry about rehab, water supply.
- Hose/Ladder/Suction testing complete for the year. 4 lines failed. Lost 1 section of 4" off E30, (1) 1-3/4 off E30 rear trash line. 1 red & 1 orange speed lay off E30 which was replaced with rack hose. Has been sent to be repaired. Now 1,850' 4" in E30, 250' 1 3/4 trash line
- With recent calls and looking to improve our ability to investigate residences with gas odors, recommend purchasing 2 Combustible gas leak detectors "sniffers". The current 4-gas meters are for metering large areas, these meters allow pinpoint detection of a leak. \$160ea. Winsted uses same brand, CD100A-Combustible Gas Leak Detector. Acetone
- VHF/800UHF radio grant update: Winsted, Winchester, Norfolk FD, & Norfolk Amb were awarded the FEMA AFG Grant: \$190,016.50. Final costs and number of radios TBA. Norfolk Fire requested funding for 27-portables/7-mobiles/1-Base. \$181,400 federal supplied, Norfolk cost share Is 5% \$8,616.50

- We were awarded the D.E.E.P. Matching funds grant (up to \$2500) for 20 responder Hi-Viz jackets. Brian will be contacting you for sizes.
- DEEP Dry Hydrant matching funds grant is available. Up to \$1500 available for repairs to current dry hydrants. Whalen's.
- Jamie Lagasse is the New Winsted Fire Chief once he gets sworn in.
- There's now a chainsaw helmet w/hearing protection on B50 to go with the chaps currently there. Looking at getting a set for Squad.
- Q-class at the fire school starting in November. See car 1 if interested.
- Firefighter 2 class at the fire school. Virtual and in class portions. See car 1 if interested
- <https://cdlmedcert.ct.gov> for CDL Medical verification. All online, no more faxing
- NEW 2020 DOT Haz-Mat books are on the apparatus
- NEMB now has a Knox box. Preplans/info on spotted dog. Will have a walk thru this winter.
- Meadowbrook KnoxBox was upgraded to a larger box to hold the keys. Key needs wiggling to open, have a message into Knox as to why.
- Diesel pump is getting a single circuit transfer switch so we can plug in a portable generator to power the pump when the power goes out. Easier & cheaper than trying to add the shed to the current generator panel.
- House extinguisher, metering training with FIT testing this month
- Cavicide spray for viral truck decon if needed. Wear gloves when using.

Important Dates:

- Tuesday, September 15th 5:00p - Station Cleanup
- Saturday, September 19th 6:30p- NVFD Annual Dinner at FH (set up 5:30p)
- Monday, September 21st 6:30p -NVFD Drill, SCBA FIT Testing (Metering & House Extinguishers)
- Saturday, September 26th 7a-12n - LIVE BURN at the Fire School (7-12n)
- Sunday, September 27th - 12noon - NLCA family picnic at Ball Field, RSVP to Kitty.
- Monday, September 28th 6p - Equipment/Apparatus inspection, Officers Meeting
- Monday, October 5th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, October 19th 6:00p AT FIRE SCHOOL Smoke house
- Monday, November 2nd - SCBA Annual Flo-Check MES
- Monday, November 2nd 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, November 23rd 6:00p AT FIRE SCHOOL Chimney fires

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Brian Hutchins to spend \$100.00 from department funds for food after the live burn on Sat. Sept. 26, 2020.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Dan Wuori give both 2 old thermal imaging cameras (Scott & Drager) to the Fire Marshall's office.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Steven Hutchins buy 2 combustible gas leak detectors for \$320.00 total for E40 & S20 (Town Funds, New Equipment line)

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Dan Wuori, to apply for the DEEP matching funds grant up to

\$1500.00, to repair Whelan's hydrant, digging it deeper

Car 2:

There are 12 awards for the banquet.

We were asked if we could participate in a birthday parade on Sunday, the 20th at 4:00 in Canaan.

Turn out gear is on order. Brian will text once it is in.

Car 3:

Looking for photos for the dinner.

Fit testing is next Monday, Sept. 21, at the Firehouse.

Trailer radios are also getting an upgrade.

Car 4:

Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7:00 there will be a search and rescue drill with New Marlboro.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

All apparatus now has a first aid kit.

First Responder renewal was sent in.

There are online classes available for renewal, see Dan for details.

Growing Covid outbreak in Torrington.

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- House Committee:

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Dan Wuori to replace \$200.00 in Stop & Shop cards. The Treasurer will purchase them, from department funds.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Steven Hutchins to spend up to \$600.00 to purchase kitchen supplies, from department funds, pending Trustee approval.

- Fund Raising:

Ashley submitted design for breast cancer t-shirts. She will order the shirts.

Karaoke will probably not happen due to Covid restrictions.

Breakfast with Santa will probably not happen due to Covid restrictions.

Chief will address the lack of fund raising in the annual appeal letter.

Anita Turner will chair a boot drive fund raiser, along with helping with the sale of the breast cancer shirts.

- Insurance Committee

No Report

- Building Committee

Firehouse, during the hurricane, was the center of operations. The town committee will meet in October.

Correspondence:

Letter from Conn. Burns Care Foundation.

M/S/P Paul Padua, John DeShazo to donate the same amount as last year to the Conn. Burns Care Foundation.

Old Business:

Everyone needs to sign the Membership Roster.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to build picnic tables for Botelle School.

Utility sink has been installed, thanks to Brad Funk doing that. No more washing gear in the kitchen sink.

Annual Dinner help is needed at 5:30 on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020, to set up. Dinner is at 7:00 pm.

New stove for kitchen has been ordered, just waiting on delivery.

New Business:

Town Hall has requested the use of the Firehouse for voting on Nov. 4. If we do give permission, the Town Hall needs to be responsible for cleaning the firehouse after the election.

Fire house needs to remain neutral in elections, per the bylaws. Should candidates be allowed to put signage in front of the firehouse? We need a formal request before we can grant approval.

Halloween – should we do it? Consensus is yes. Set a good example, wear masks and gloves.

Tree Lighting? Something to think about.

Station clean up tomorrow at 5:00 before Annual Dinner.

Thanks to Jon Barbagallo for arranging the 9/11 remembrance. Form a committee for next year, the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Do something bigger.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary