

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 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 33 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** Todd Miller, Dan Wuori to approve the minutes of Dec. 2, 2019.

**Treasurer's Report**

At 70% of the town budget.

**M/S/P** Bryan Hutchins, Richard Byrne to approve the Treasurer's report.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

**2020 January Monthly Meeting- Car 1 Report**

Officer of the month: Car 5 Rowland

-Thanks to Brian and Steve for skimming the skating rink. Hopefully it gets and stays cold so people can continue to use it.

-Damage to Brush 50 from tree falling onto it. Windshield, Hood, Lightbar, Mirror, Spotlight dome being repaired, insurance/town claim started.

-Squad, & U70 can get for annual service after B50 is repaired (this week or next)

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

-Justin & Casey FF1 graduation. Monday, Jan 13th 7p at the fire school

-Regional Radio AFG Grant update:

- The group decided on Dual band, VHF & 7/800Mhz radios.
- Norfolk VFD allotment is (27) portables \$162,000 & (9) mobiles \$52,000.
- Radios will equip all 8 FD officers, 2 in each apparatus, the FM, & EMD, & 5 for the EM Trailer.
- \$214,000 total with a 5% cost share (\$10,700) of radios to Norfolk FD plus the grant writer fee of \$200.
- FD is responsible for installation costs.
- Grant writer is Amalio Jusino, president of ERC Emergency Response Consulting. His firm wrote the regional LUCAS Grant for us.
- Participants in the regional grant are Norfolk FD, Norfolk EMS, Winsted FD, Winchester FD. Barkhamsted FD & New Hartford FD are submitting a separate grant on their own behalf.

-Hartford Healthcare is petitioning the state OEMS to allow them to staff a supplemental Paramedic in Winsted & Torrington to increase the ALS responses when Medic 6 is on another call.

-Connecticut passed a law beginning January 1st

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/fc/pdf/2019HB-07000-R000963-FC.pdf> that all Firefighters, EMS, & PD will have available at Incidents (paper or electronic) "A Communication Aid Supporting People with Unique Access or Functional Needs (including disabilities)". Here is the link to the document:

<https://uconnucedd.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/1340/2019/11/Emergency-Flipbook.pdf>

-Estey Rd. dry hydrant 50/50 DEEP Grant was submitted for reimbursement.

- Excavation cost was donated back to the FD.

-Council meeting for Budget prep & 6th month member review this month.

-Please fill out the incentive forms & submit to selectmen's office & give extra credit incentive forms to Brian by end of January

-Saturday, February 1st 9a - Joint NVFD/NLCA Meeting

-Spring Classes at fire school have been announced. See c1 if interested

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Kitty Hickox to participate in the AFG assistance to Fire Fighter's grant.

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Jon Barbagallo to spend \$200.00 from department funds to pay for the grant writer fees to write the grant for the AFG assistance to fire fighter's grant for mobile radios, with funds to be sent to Winsted Fire Department as they are the host department.

**M/S/P** Richard Byrne, Thalyia Neuman to spend \$30.00 for refreshments for the joint NVFD/NLCA meeting on Feb. 1.

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Dan Wuori to spend up to \$7500.00 from appeal funds to purchase 3 sets of bunker gear.

### **Important Dates:**

-Monday, January 13th 6:30p - NVFD Drill (Blood borne, OSHA, Sexual Harassment)

-Friday-Sunday, January 17-18 - Little Red Barn (Rescue Red Beer)

-Monday, January 20th 6:30p - NVFD Drill

-Monday, January 27th 6p - NVFD Equipment/Apparatus inspection

-Saturday, February 1st 9a - Joint NVFD/NLCA Meeting

-Monday, February 3rd 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting

-February 21/22/23 - Weekend-in-Norfolk

### **Car 2:**

Turn in your incentive forms and extra credit forms to Car 2's box (Brian Hutchins) prior to January 31, 2019. Extra credit runs from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019.

If you have not filled out a W9 form, you must fill one out. Also if you have moved and changed address, you need to fill out the form. Return form to Car 2's box.

### **Car 3:**

Little Red Barn Brewer's will host a fund raiser for NVFD, all proceeds from the sale of Rescue Red Ale will be donated. Dates are Jan. 17, 18 and 19 2020.

### **Car 4:**

No Report

### **Car 5:**

No Report

### **Car 6:**

No Report

### **Car 7:**

No Report

### **EMS Captain:**

Jan. 13 drill will be OSHA blood borne and sexual harassment training.  
Applying for a department T1.

### **Mechanics:**

Brush truck is out of Service.

### **Cadets:**

A new member has joined.

### **LCD:**

Negotiations are still going on.

Town of Winsted has officially signed on.

April 1 the town of Plymouth will be added to LCD.

Lots of construction going on at LCD to accommodate the addition of the towns.

With the additional towns, the costs to the towns will be going down.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee**

Chili was served tonight, thanks to them.

**M/S/P** Steven Hutchins, Kitty Hickox to spend up to \$50.00 to replace chili.

- **Fund Raising:**

Thanks to everyone for helping with the Breakfast with Santa, served 86 people. Profit of \$555.53.

Delivery with Santa, earned \$485.00. Two trucks with two Santa's were used.

Still waiting to collect total funds from Breast Cancer t-shirts.

- **Insurance Committee**

CIRMA Beneficiary forms need to be submitted/updated if you have never filled one out. On meeting room table.

- **Building Committee**

Town committee will be meeting in January. Members are Sandy Evans, Ron Zanobi, Lou Barbagallo, Jeff Tarrant and one more town person.

**Correspondence:**

Thank you note from Conn. Firefighter for our donation to their memorial.

Thank you note from Christopher Bordon who painted the American Flag on the firehouse.

**Old Business:**

Water backflow valve has been installed.

**New Business:**

Application for membership from John DeShazo. Will be voted on at the next meeting.

The Riverton Ropes team will be doing basic stuff, anybody who has an interest in ropes, knot tying, come over during the next 4 months on a Sunday morning. See Keith Byrne if you're interested.

**M/S/P** to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary