

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2023

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past deceased members.

The Scholarship Committee handed out the scholarships.

There were 25 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Ted Hinman and Dan Wuori to accept the Minutes of July 3, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 8% of the Town Budget

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Weekly Training times: 6p at the FH, 6:15p lesson plan, 6:30p leaving or lesson beginning.
-Car 1,2,&3 have trainings this month.

Official last Chief's report:

Thank you to everyone that helped for the set up and the tanker Wetdown/Mascot naming. over 100 in attendance and heard from several that had a great time. PR events like this are quick but leave a positive lasting impression to our citizens.

Mascots name is officially "Roger". Thank you to everyone that sent in your suggestions and helped with the decision. Charlotte Ramsey (Chris Little's granddaughter) had the winning name. Reasoning: we always say Roger on the radio. Charlotte got an NVFD swag bag, and she rode in the tanker during the Wetdown.

The week of catastrophic flooding certainly stretched us thin. Used every cone, sign, and barricade in-house and had to request additional supplies and sandbags from the state thru Emergency Management. NVFD assisted with site visits from State Representative Maria Horn, State Senator Lisa Seminara, and U.S Senator Richard Blumenthal. Thanks to everyone that assisted in all the responses, PR, and working together.

Meadowbrook apartment window numbering partially complete. (Similar to BOTELLE school)
Working on exterior doors and common areas next.

Hose/ladder/suction testing is done.

Country Club Fire work shoot is Saturday the 19th. Be at the station around 8:00p for the standby.

Annual Physicals at AFC from now until August 28th. Call to make an appointment. DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE. Packets are here at the station and will be emailed. 1171 East Main St. Torrington. 860-866-4321 (Across from the new Starbucks). Open M-F 8a-8p, Sat/Sun 8a-5p.

Silent auction tickets and cash need to be turned in tonight. For all members: like Karaoke night, everyone pays at the door. Tickets will get you a free drink and your bidder number.

We have about 800 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose that's been replaced with 3 inch.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Kerry Yelsits to Sell/Barter/Give away 800 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose that's been replaced with 3 inch.

There was a hoax sent out statewide/nationwide regarding fentanyl laced bottled water being handed out to highway workers. A good reminder to ensure any food/cookies/water given to us is from a reputable source.

-Saturday, September 9th is the NVFD Annual Dinner 6p social hour, 7p dinner, 8p awards & recognitions. Sit down meal. Signup and menu options on the board.

Council meeting date for membership review, Wednesday 23 or 24. I'll email council

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John DeShazo to buy a second 8" Holley tube for \$1000 for the tanker to come from town funds.

October 28 & 29 8a-4p pump class at NVFD. Starting a list before we open to mutual aid. Class max is 14. Message C1 to signup

All Fire Chief emails to Firechief@norfolkfire.org. Stop sending to any @sbcglobal.net account. Using @norfolkfire.org website servers.

Toyne is bringing us a Demo engine to look at this Thursday the 10th 5:30/6p. Focus on the cab over the body. Spartan Metrostar.

NFIRS is being replaced by NERIS. Modernizing the 1976 standards to the U.S. Fire Data System: National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). NFIRS will begin to be decommissioned in the 1st quarter of 2025. Getting more info as it's released.

The state is establishing a task force that will study the shortage of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel statewide. According to the legislation, the task force will consist of 12 members and examine the following ways to potentially alleviate the shortage and make recommendations: by providing an income tax credit for volunteer firefighters; developing a pipeline from colleges and universities into firefighting and emergency medical services; offering tuition incentives for volunteer firefighters and EMS; streamlining certification and recertification processes for firefighters and EMS personnel; and providing sustainable and consistent state funding for training of firefighters and EMS personnel. The task force will include two firefighters and two EMS personnel, two municipal chief executive officers, the state

commissioner of public health, three others appointed by the governor, and one appointed each by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. The task force will begin meeting within the next month and will submit a report on its findings and recommendations to a legislative committee by Jan. 1

Spread the word for the NVFD silent auction this Saturday 5p-9p at the curling club. This is funding the NVFD 125th birthday bash block party in 2027.

Important Dates:

- Friday, August 11th 4p - Set up for Auction
- Saturday, August 12th 5p-10p - NVFD Silent Auction
- Monday, August 14th 6p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, August 19th 8:00p - Firework Shoot at Country club
- Monday, August 21 6:30p - NVFD Drill at Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Saturday, August 26th 6p - Winsted Parade
- Monday, August 28th 7:30p -NVFD Officer Elections (Curling club providing dinner prior)
- Saturday, September 9th 6P - NVFD Annual Dinner 6p social hour, 7p dinner, 8p awards & recognitions
- Monday, September 11th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Saturday, September 30th 12n-4p - Live Burn
- Sat/Sun, October 28&29 8a-4p - Pump class at NVFD

Car 2:

No Report

Car 3:

Silent Auction set up set up Friday evening,

Be at auction an hour before on Saturday.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Public Relations:

Donation check given for the Road Race in the amount of \$250.

The Band for Norfolk on the Green sponsored by the Fire Department was paid for by the Children's Foundation.

Fire Marshall:

Fireworks at Country Club on 8/19 need fire apparatus

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

Sign up for Annual Dinner no later than Aug. 25. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

- **Fund Raising:**

M/S/P Richard Byrne and Justin Zarzycki for \$1250 for Breast Cancer t-shirts, pending Trustee approval.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Brush Tank Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

No report

- **Anniversary Committee**

Silent Auction is Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

- **By-Law Committee**

No report, tabled until next month.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

M/S/P Daryl Byrne, Steven Hutchins to donate old electric fans to the town crew.

New Business:

Two applications for membership were received, Tina Olsen to become General Member, Steve Keyes for Active A. Will be voted on next month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary