

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Feb 6, 2023

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 29 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Ted Hinman, Thalyia Byrne to accept the Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

We are at 73% of the Town Budget

M/S/P Justin Zarzycki, Mike Listorti to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Weekly Training times: 6p at the FH, 6:15p lesson plan, 6:30p leaving or lesson beginning.
-Car 7 Listorti has trainings this month.

-Great job by everyone at the MVA with wires down requiring extrication. 68 minutes to clear the wires, 15 minutes to extricate. Very coordinated and seamless.

-A letter of concern was sent to Eversource and subsequent meeting that addressed their extended priority 1 response and incorrect assumption that the wires were remotely de-energized which were in fact live. Reminder to everyone, of our policy to never touch wires.

-Last week's double fatal MVA in Winsted. There is an After-Action Report is tomorrow night at the Winsted Fire House. Members did a great job supporting the crews on scene.

-Received the \$2500 DEEP 50/50 grant reimbursement for the hose we bought.

-NVFD Council met to prepare the 2023/2024 budget. Our vendor costs which determine our operating expenses have increased along with the inflation being seen nationwide. Keeping our operations and services the same we're requesting a \$15,115.00=14.2% increase (From \$106,435 to \$121,550).

-Hose testing group rate was investigated with the Winsted area departments to lower costs. We will be switching with Waterways which saves us \$379.75. Testing will still be at Botelle in the summer.

-Finishing up the AFG grant with Winsted for SCBAs & RIT packs.

- North Canaan FD adding our tanker to all RIT responses.
- Spare tanker key in drivers pump compartment when/if you lock yourself out.
- North Canaan FD received the old pump, swivel chute, and components from old tanker 100 for their tanker. They were very appreciative.
- Road race food truck is being secured. Thanks Brian
- WIN on February 25th 4p-6p: Skating and a bonfire. The Ambulance is handing out hot coco
- Noticing the heat up in the meeting room gets turned up but not turned back down. Heating oil is expensive. Please turn it back down before you leave.
- 2 Live burns and 2 Skills nights have been scheduled at the fire school. First is April 22nd 8a-12n. Please mark your Calendars.
- Spring FF1, FF2, Q, & intro to company officer classes being offered at the Fire school. See c1 if interested in any class
- The Town has requested the Dodge chassis to be repurposed into a DPW truck after our brush truck project is complete.
- Bantam FH "Step up & Lead" seminar. Saturday, Feb 25th 8:30a-3p. Contact C1 if interested. \$50 dept will pay, Lunch included. Attending: Listorti, Thalyia, Ludwig, Steve, Brian, Casey, fox, and Justin

-Saturday, March 25th 8a-4:30p HVRHS/Falls Village
 "Pride and Ownership, a firefighters love for the job" speaker Chief Rick Lasky. \$65pp dept will pay. Contact C1 if interested. Attending: Fox, Listorti, Steven, Ludwig, Justin, Brian, Casey

Important Dates:

- Monday, February 13th 6p - NVFD Drill
- Monday, February 20th 6p - NVFD Drill
- Saturday, February 25th 4p-6p WIN Skating & Bonfire
- Monday, February 27th 6p - Equipment/ Apparatus inspection, Officer Meeting
- Thursday, March 2nd 7p-9p - (EMS DRILL) Rapid Trauma Assessment
- Monday, March 6th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Thursday, April 6th 7p-9p - (EMS DRILL) PCRs & Collecting Data on scene
- Saturday, April 22nd 8a-12n - Live Burn
- Thursday, May 4th 7p-9p - (EMS DRILL) Patient moving
- Monday, May 15th 6p - County Chiefs Meeting/Training at Curling Club
- Monday, June 19th 6:30p - Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Monday, August 21 6:30p - Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Saturday, September 30th 12n-4p - Live Burn

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, John DeShazo to approve the Department Budget of \$121,550. which is a 14.2% increase and send it to the Town Hall.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Ted Hinman to spend \$50.00 to purchase supplies for smores for the WIN event.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Sandy Evans, to gift the town of Norfolk the old Dodge chassis after the fire equipment and body has been removed. 3 abstentions.

Car 2:

Incentive numbers have been given to the Town Hall, approx. \$21,000. Which is similar to what has been given in the past. Also included a new figure in case the Town goes ahead with the new incentive program.

Gear guy will be here on Feb. 13, 3 members need to be fitted with gear. Following the fitting a meeting will be held with the supplier and the Asst. Chief.

Thanks to everyone who responded Friday night and Saturday for the multiple calls. Chaplain Erik Olsen spoke to the members about the services he offers to the department.

There will be an after action meeting on Tuesday regarding the MVA last week in Winsted.

Car 3:

Thanks to everyone

Changed the response vehicles for MVA. E40, E30, E20
Live burn working with exterior firefighters and cadets.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

The meter was recalibrated and has been returned to the department.

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

E 30 has all the cellar pump out equipment on it.

EMS Captain:

Good turnout for blood born pathogen training.

Public Relations:

NVFD will be featured tonight at 11:00 on Channel 30 regarding the MVA with the wires down.

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Mechanics:

Squad truck was sent to George's to have the slow leak in the tires looked at.

The window washer on S20 was fixed.

Two mirrors for the Brush truck were ordered.

Cadets:

Did a good job at the pump out.

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

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If you owe money, pay up.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Brush Truck Committee**

Waiting on the chassis

- **Building Committee**

Had a meeting with Matt Riiska, still waiting for report from Wetlands. Town will be having a capital campaign for the new firehouse, inside furnishings, not the building. The build date has been pushed back, but the Selectmen are committed to building the new Firehouse.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Feb. 15, 2023, at 6:30 will be the next meeting.

- **By-Law Committee**

Meeting date to be determined in the next couple of weeks.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

Mascot decal has been applied to the new tanker. Thank you letter will be sent to Ghi Designs for the artwork.

Key was broken off at the shed, waiting for the locksmith. Do not lock the door.

New Business:

Fire School is offering a ropes class in April, request the Squad truck for the dates.

Norfolk Hub requested the NVFD to do a Hub talk in April. A committee is being formed for members to make the presentation. See the PIO Jon or the Chief if interested.

Tony Kiser is looking to help the town with capital campaign funds, he has reached out to Marie Horn for ideas. He will be setting up a meeting with our First Selectman, Marie Horn and executives from various sources of founding.

Norfolk Now is looking to help us promote the people who volunteer in town. Paul is in contact with them.

Paul reached out to Stadium Systems to get department shirts made at \$12.50 each, with the new logo on the left chest, and NVFD on the back. They will also open an online store for members who want hoodie, sweatshirts, tank tops, etc.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, John DeShazo to spend up to \$1300.00 for two shirts for each member, from department funds, pending trustee approval.

MS/P Brian Hutchins, Ted Hinman, to spend up to \$500.00 for new marching uniforms.

Richard is looking for a person to be the speaker for Memorial Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49p.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary