

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2023

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

There were 26 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** Dan Wuori, Kerry Yelsits to accept the Minutes of May 1, 2023.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 100% of the Town Budget

**M/S/P** Richard Byrne, John DeShazo to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

Big Thank you to everyone that helped clean, prepare, and help for the open house, parade, and road race. Big turnout at the station, went thru 504 donuts and had 135 runners.

North Canaan's pool fill tanker shuttle is next Tuesday the 13th 6p. Requesting Tanker and an Engine.

There is a pump operator class at the academy on July 8th & 9th. See C1 to sign up. Currently 3 signed up. This is the last notice.

When we're on incidents, just a reminder that what we see and do is not open for public discussion. Follow HIPPA and respect people's privacy and dignity.

Eversource finished their IA into the January MVA. Found no wrongdoing or issues with their policies or response. PURA is still investigating and having hearings into the matter.

The incentive program increase passed. Active members who contribute 20% in overall attendance are now eligible up to \$1000 based on certifications held & maintained throughout the year. The 4 bands based on participation remain the same. I'll post the certification \$\$ amounts. any questions see C1.

We applied to the Anheuser-Busch drinking water grant and are receiving 1 pallet (2,352 cans) of water.

SCBAs had their 6-month Battery change.

Ashley has requested to move her membership status from General to Active B. Congratulations! See Brian for gear.

Weekend-in-Norfolk is August 4,5,6. There is interest in having a wet down for the Tanker, the Yeti naming contest, and an open house from 1p to 3p. which is before Meadowbrook's live music with refreshments that starts at 3p.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Kerry Yelsits to spend \$500.00 to purchase swag items and supplies for the Wet down for the new tanker on Aug. 5, 2023, to come from department funds.

This Wednesday 6:30p for a wet down planning meeting.

CSP TIMS Class. Saturday class TBA. Looking for head count of interest.

**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. The Only difference from Concentra is interior FFs will now have a chest X-Ray taken initially and every 5 years.

- Standard Physical with Urinalysis
- OSHA Questionnaire
- Step test
- PFT/Spirometry (Interior members only)
- EKG (Initial and annual over 40 years)
- Chest X-Ray (Initial and every 5 years unless more are warranted)
- DOT Physical (as required to keep current)
- PPD Placement + Read (Optional)
- Hep B Series (Optional)
- Injury Care and Follow up that doesn't require an ER, Workman's comp claims.

Hose Testing is Friday, July 28th at Botelle

### **Important Dates:**

- Monday, June 12th - NVFD Drill
- Tuesday, June 13th 6p - North Canaan Pool fill
- Monday, June 19th 6:30p - NVFD Drill at Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Wednesday, June 21st 6:30p - NVFD Silent Auction Meeting
- Monday, June 26th 6p - Equipment/Apparatus Inspection & Officer Meeting
- Monday, July 3rd 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Saturday, July 15th 6p - North Canaan Parade & Fireworks Standby
- Friday, July 28th - Hose testing at Botelle School
- August 4,5,6 - Weekend-in-Norfolk, the 5th is NVFD Event
- Saturday, August 12th 5p-9p - NVFD Silent Auction
- Monday, August 21 6:30p - Fire School Theatrical smoke, Skill building
- Saturday, August 26th 6p - Winsted Parade
- Saturday, September 30th 12n-4p - Live Burn

**Car 2:**

Purchased equipment from gas reimbursement funds.

**Car 3:**

No Report

**Car 4:**

No Report

**Car 5:**

No Report

**Car 6:**

One Monday for training will be trail rescue.

**Car 7:**

No Report

**EMS Captain:**

Starting July 1, Medic 6 will not be our medic any longer, don't know where they will be coming from. Will be Northwest Medic 1, not sure if the number will be the same. More information will be forthcoming.

New officers at the NLC Ambulance.

Reception for Medic 6 personnel at Norbrook on Friday June 9, 2023, at 5:00 to thank them for their service.

**Public Relations:**

- We need to finalize our sponsorship for the "Friday Night on the Green" event. It will be held on Friday July 28 from 6p to 8p with my friend Jeff Blaney playing. I will be doing the sound setup that evening. If approved, we will be co-sponsoring with the Curling Club and will split the cost of the musician at \$100 for each organization. We also need to plan our participation that evening. Do we want to cook, hand out snacks, Drinks, etc.? Free ice cream cups? Soda? Popcorn? Cotton Candy? The curling club is coming up with their own plan but needs to know what the FD wants to do first. This is a great opportunity for community involvement, talk up our Cadet program, and raise awareness for our firehouse project.
- This Wednesday, June 7, is Botelle School Field Day. They have requested our help with filling kiddie pools as well as the annual "wet down" of the kids at the end of the

event. I'm happy to do it once again using E-30 as I have typically done over the last 15 years or so. Rain date is the following Wednesday.

- The NVFD supported the efforts of the Litchfield County Regional Fire School to secure future funding by participating in a video shoot recently. The video was just shown to state legislators just the other day. The video includes me speaking in front of our trucks and Daryl and Keith teaching in various shots at the school in the 2:15 video. Here's the link: <https://vimeo.com/829885372/761977227>
- Memorial Day activities went well last week. DeShazo and I volunteered our time and equipment for the sound setup at the church. Again, we provided coordination and safety for the Veterans and marchers during the parade and hosted a very busy reception at the end. We will need to adjust some minor things for next year if the parade route stays the same but that will be very easily done with some advanced communication and planning. The road race was completed successfully with 135 registered runners, and I spoke with the timing company about some possible improvements for next year that may make it more fun for runner and spectators. I will mention this to Ron and our race committee.

### **Fire Marshall:**

Alarm at dorm at Yale school is operational, students are in residence for the summer.

Ropes team had a good meeting in Kent, over 75 in attendance, trying to organize for better tier responses.

### **Mechanics:**

No Report

### **Cadets:**

Wilson ran in the road race, good job.

### **LCD:**

No Report

### **Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee:**

Thank you, Theresa for dinner.

- **Fund Raising:**

Begin thinking about t-shirts for Breast cancer awareness, see Paul, Ashley, Theresa if interested.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Brush Tank Committee**

Brush truck is going out to be lettered Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Will be going for tires soon.

- **Building Committee**

Chief, Paul and Tony have been meeting with Maria Horn to investigate possible state grant funding. Tony is looking into starting a local fundraising campaign to help with the building of the new fire house. We are trying to get the ball rolling since the building of the firehouse seems to be stagnant at the Town Hall.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Ashley has tickets for the silent auction, see her to get yours. Tickets are \$20.00 each. List of potential donations, please check to see if you can ask different vendors/stores.

- **By-Law Committee**

.Meeting on June 27, 2023.

### **Correspondence:**

Parade information from several fire departments.

Chili cook-off in Farmington.

Invited to appreciation breakfast at Botelle School on June 15, 2023, at 8:15. RSVP to the school if you are interested in attending, 860-542-5286.

Celebration of Learning on June 12, 2023, at Botelle School from 5:00 – 7:00. RSVP to the school if interested in attending 860-542-5286

### **Old Business:**

Chris Smith was voted into membership as an Active A, interior.

**M/S/P** Brian Hutchins, Justin Zarzycki to spend \$90.19 to pay for balance of food costs for the Area Chiefs meeting.

Thank you note will be sent to Curling Club, thanking them for all their help.

New mascot t-shirts are here, claim yours or Paul will give it away to someone else!!

On-line store will be opened for a month for anyone who wants to order NVFD swag.

**New Business:**

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Mike Listorti to spend \$100.00 to pay for half the cost of the band for Friday on the Green, Curling Club will pay for the other \$100.00 to come from department funds.

Thank you note to Norfolk Community Association Berry Webber for the plant put on the 911 monument.

Veterans thank the NVFD for assistance with traffic control since there was only 1 trooper for the parade.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary