

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 11, 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. Since it is September 11, we met outside around the 9/11 monument to pay respects to the fallen and their families.

There were 32 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Todd Miller, John Hutchins to accept the Minutes of August 7, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 17% of the Town Budget

M/S/P John Hutchins, Steven Hutchins to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Thank you everyone who has helped me transition into this new role.

I cannot say thank you enough and great job to everyone who has been working their tails off as of late. There is nothing but good things to say about the Litchfield Rd. structure fire. Interior, Exterior, House committee a job awfully well done. There were lots of things that came up that we had to work together to solve. It was great to see everyone pitching in to accomplish the mission. We will be doing an incident review hopefully next week so please stay tuned. It has been a busy time for calls in general and thank you everyone for helping.

When responding to a mutual aid call in a POV please listen to the pager to see what we as a department have been assigned to do and make adjustments accordingly.

October 1st is the 5k/10k race through Barbour Woods and Haystack. Starts at 930. We will check the communications on TAC 2. Might not need the trailer. Small crew needed to standby at the FD until about noon.

September 30th is the live burn at the fire school. 12-4 motion to spend up to \$150 on food and drink. Department funds

M/SP Justin Zarzycki, Sandy Evans for \$150.00 for food for the Fire School live burn drill to come from department funds

Operational announcement: The chiefs are going to meet with the chief of Sheffield Fire about becoming our RIT team, possibly for all fires in town. They have 11-12 members certified and

after we mentioned it to them, they are scheduling a mass state class to certify 5-6 newer members.

From September 26th to October 7th, I will be out of the country. Feel free to call, text, or email and I will respond as soon as possible.

This Month's training Will be Car 1

Car 2:

October 28th & 29th 8a-4p pump class at NVFD. Class size is 14. Message C1 to signup

-Flash Fire is doing a ventilation/forcible entry drill in Colebrook for on Saturday, October 7th, 2023. The class will start at 9am to 3pm at the Forge Fire House - class size is limited. See C1 to sign up

-CT has mandated Fire departments have a policy monitoring turnout gear cleaning and maintenance by November 21st. Public Act 22-139 *An Act Concerning Adoption of the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Cancer Relief Benefits for Firefighters, Statewide Model Plan for the Remediation of Toxic Substance on Turnout Gear.* We're working on a policy that will be posted.

Car 3:

Steven received a report from Midwest that when the NY department that looked at our new truck, the ordered one, and we will receive a 'commission' type check for the sale.

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Sunday house fire.

Above and beyond award to Gary Bottom for great job at Sunday fire.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Anyone who needs hours to recert, see Kitty, class is being offered in Salisbury.

Public Relations:

No Report

Fire Marshall:

Thanks to everyone for their assistance. Cause is still under investigation.

Fire safety at Botelle School on Oct. 12, at 9 am, please see Keith if you can assist. All help is needed.

Gary is looking into getting an arson dog to come to the school for the students.

Keith would like any photos of Sunday's fire, please email to him. firemarshal@norfolkct.org

Mechanics:

Thanks to everyone, if there are any problems, please write them on the board so they can be taken care of.

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

M/S/P Sandy Evans, Jason Zarzycki not to exceed \$100.00 for groceries and supplies for the kitchen.

- **Fund Raising:**

We set up at Farmer's Market on their last day, got donations, but didn't sell shirts. Paul would like to set up in the center of town at the end of Sept. and beginning of October.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Brush Tank Committee**

It has been measured up for tires and lifts, will be staying in Conn, not being sent to New York, then will have the body work done, then to Pittsfield for the lighting. Everything for parts is in.

- **Building Committee**

No Report

- **Anniversary Committee**

Thanks to Ashley for all her work in making the Silent a huge success.

- **By-Law Committee**

At the July meeting proposed a change in the Active D membership was presented

Current By-Law

Article VII Duties of Members

Section 6

An Active D member not meeting these requirements shall be moved to **General membership.**

Proposed change:

An Active D member not meeting these requirements shall be moved to **Inactive Status.**

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Judy Ludwig to make the by-law change.

There are still several issues on the table within the By-Law Committee. A meeting will be set up for later this month or early October.

Correspondence:

Thank you email note from the fire Marshall thanking everyone for their help.

Old Business:

Voted into membership, Tina Olsen as General Member, Steven Keyes as A Member

New Business:

Need to form a committee to contact everyone in town who does not have a blue reflective house sign, a person in town has offered to purchase one for everyone in town who does not have one.

If you have dirty gear, check with John DeShazo and he will take it to Botelle to be cleaned since Richard is out of town. Take it apart before you turn it in.

Sandy Evans reported from Matt Riiska that Maple Ave. should be done with remediation for Halloween, he will have all equipment moved to one side of the street, and he would like to have security fire fighters near the equipment to keep everyone off it. The department agrees that the equipment should be protected, but felt that we should not be in charge in security. Will be discussed and contact made with the selectmen's office.

Next Inland/Wetlands hearing will be the same date as our monthly meeting, so our Monthly Meeting may be moved to an earlier time so that we can attend the hearing.

Application for membership from Virginia Miller for a General Member. Will be voted on at the next meeting.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Scott Padua to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary