

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2024

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 23 members present.

Scholarships were presented to 7 students.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Todd Miller, Steven Hutchins to accept the Minutes of July 2, 2024.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 14% of the Town Budget

M/S/P Ted Hinman, Matthew Ludwig to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

- Thank you everyone who helped make Weekend in Norfolk such a success. Smokey Bear greeted approx. thirty-five people. And we sold some stuff on Sunday. Also thank you for all the other PR event help
- Hose testing has been rescheduled to August 15th at 0800. This company is really struggling to complete assignments, this could be the last year we do business with them.
- 94 Litchfield Rd has been "flagged" for CSP to respond to any incident.
- Silent auction is Saturday August 10th. Car 20 will have times to be there so please be there
- August 11th is an NVFD fund raiser at Great Falls Brewing in North Canaan. 80s Movie trivia. Tell everyone you know to come and support us.
- Car 3 has drill nights this month. Car1 will set in if there is an EMR class conflict.
- We need to have a council meeting prior to elections. Paul or I will send out an email to council members
- One of the dump tanks on T100 are out of service. It is being repaired at Jacquier Welding in Sheffield Ma. One tank still in service on truck
- LDH discharge on E30 out of service. Replacement is enroute. In meantime use water thief with 2 2 ½ to 1 4 inch to pump LDH
- It is physical time. Hard copies are at the station. One if you need a CDL medical card. One if you do not. Also, a sheet so you know the services they are supposed to perform.
- August 17th fireworks at the country club, 2045 hours. Need a standby crew on the tee box. Little trucks only and please be careful driving in
- We have a member who signed up for FF1. Starts August 14th.

- August 6th there is CPR training at the station.
- NVFD was awarded the AFG grant for SCBA replacement. \$186,033.75. With that being said, we need to pay the grant writer our share. \$750.00 out of department funds with trustee approval

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Matthew Ludwig to spend \$750.00 to pay the grant writer for the grant we were awarded for SCBA gear, to come from department funds. Trustees approved.

Car 2:

S20 has new tires, E30 is next

-Traffic signs, cones, & barricades were added to the FD cache from a town grant. Still need road closed signs. Also looking at options of how we store and transport all our traffic equipment. Current trailer is rusting away. Input needed as we investigate different options.

-FireTek App has been loaded onto the engines. Feel free to use it for signing enroute in lieu of the radio. LCD will echo your "App response" over the air so you know it was acknowledged. The owner of FireTek just brought onboard he was one of the writers from spotted dog. Since it's still being designed feel free to use the add new feature email if you feel there's something that will benefit everyone. Also make sure you update the app every few days as new releases are published.

-Response channel to LCD pushed back to Spring 2025. When that channel is added, we will need to reprogram every pager. Radio code plugs are being built with the new lcd channels. 3 amb portables and mobile being included.

-Colebrook wetdown and open house on 24th 11a-3p

-Winsted Fire parade, 24th 6p step off (fireworks are Friday)

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Daryl Byrne \$132.00 to buy (4) 2.5" double males for the engines. Dept Funds.

Car 3:

Need to be more aware of surroundings when driving the trucks, too many 'accidents' are starting to cost us money. If you need a spotter, get a spotter.

Lights are in for the tanker, the 'pond' has not been fixed.

Working on updating driver qualification training.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Everyone that needed to take epi-pen training did so.

Public Relations:

Norcom came and updated radios in the trailer. Working on getting the state to approve the 800 radios.

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Mechanics:

Waiting on parts.

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Meeting

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

Will serve the chili from the freezer at next month's meeting.

M/S/P Paul Padua, Kerry Yelsits to spend \$50.00 to purchase more supplies. To come from department funds.

- **Fund Raising:**

Breast Cancer awareness shirts are in, cost will be \$20.00 except for XXL which will be \$25.00. Looking into ways to sell them since there is no farmers market. They will be at the fire house starting tomorrow.

Norfolk beer sales promotion has changed. Once the beer has been sold, Norbrook will make a charitable donation to NVFD. Encourage everyone to go to Norbrook to purchase the beer there.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Next meeting is this week, hopefully with the construction manager.

Working on another AFG grant for interior items.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Silent Auction is this Saturday, at the Curling Club. Set up is Friday around 5:30, to help on day of event, please be there at 3:00 pm

- **Truck Committee**

There has only been one meeting so far. They are currently compiling information. Only decisions so far are that the new truck will have 1000 gal of water, powered by a PTO pump, truck will have at max 6 person cab, looking at 1500 gal/min pump. This truck is not a replacement for E40. The current truck committee is 10 people to get a variety of ideas. A google doc will be sent to membership for everyone to add their ideas for the new truck. This Wednesday at 7:00 pm, there will be a vendor at the fire house for truck lights.

- **By-Law Committee**

No report

Correspondence:

Thank you note with donation of \$250.00 for our response to their home.

Old Business:

Mourning bunting can come down.
Daryl has quotes out for rope gear.

New Business:

Over the last couple of years, we have been selling lots of stuff, and credit card reader has become wonky. Ashley is looking into point of sale accounts. She looked into 'square' which do have charges for use. Cost to FD would be \$27.00 monthly or \$299.00 year to purchase outright,

otherwise there is a per use charge. A decision will be made next month. Ted will reach out to someone to provide more Information.

Winsted parade is Aug. 24, 2024, step off at 6:00 pm

Colebrook wet down is Aug 24, 2024, at 11:00 am, we have been invited to attend.

M/S/P to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary