

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2024

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

Thank you to the Curling Club for the pizza and salad for dinner tonight. They provided pizza and salad as a Thank You for washing down the ice every year.

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

There were 25 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Kerry Yelsits to accept the Minutes of May 6, 2024, meeting.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 116% of the Town Budget, due to an unforeseen pump rebuild.

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

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

- Thank you for all your hard work and dedication of late. Starting with the busiest non storm day with 6 calls. Then we pulled off a flawless Memorial Day. Followed by 10 members sacrificing their weekend to learn about shuttling water. Great to see so many selfless people
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- Tomorrow (6/4/24) is the North Canaan pool fill. Trucks leaving at 1800. 1 tanker and 1 engine requested
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- Next weekend, the 8th, we are burning a barn on Loon Meadow. Meet at the station at
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- 0900. Should be burning by 1000. Back and cleaned up before 1200? We'll keep an eye on the weather and announce a rain date if needed
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- We need to purchase a new stokes basket. Our current one is over 10 years old and showing age and damage. I would like to purchase one with department funds. Not to exceed \$1300, with trustee approval
- We are doing the LCD presentation for Norfolk Lions Club Ambulance on June 20th
- Training this month is Car1
- We are gaining a fire hydrant between #242 and #259 Greenwoods Rd West
- REMINDER: July 19th Ice Cream Social on the Green

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Dan Wuori to purchase a Stokes Basket, not to exceed \$1300.00 from department funds, pending Trustee approval – approval given

Car 2:

Remember to schedule your Physicals at AFC. Due by August 26th.

Physical packets are out, make sure you get yours before the last Monday in August, don't wait until then.

-Fire Reporting software update. Researching vendors and getting pricing

-LCD Status boards replacing spotted dog on the FD monitors. Your phones and truck iPad will show who's coming.

-Due to ESO taking over, Spotted dog is being turned off August 31st. LCD is moving to launch the app "FIreTek" countywide for everyone. Stay tuned for the official release.

-Looking on adding 2 iPads & mounts for the Tanker & BT for FireTek for next year's budget.

-Northfield 25'/30' 4" Hose pony sections (4 total). Motion to spend \$100

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Kerry Yelsits to spend \$100.00 from department funds for the pony hose from Northfield.

-station garbage cans. Motion: \$77.72 with shipping for (3) 23gal cans that will take a standard sized trash bag. (\$20ea)

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Ted Hinman to purchase new garbage cans \$78.00 to come from department funds.

-we did not get the beer water grant this year

-need to set some dates to hammer thru the 911 house numbering project.

-Thanks to everyone for the suggestions to the shared doc for the new station. If you have anything else let me or Paul know ASAP. The list and concept pics were submitted to the building committee and architect. This is the time to send in your ideas.

Car 3:

Going to try techniques learned at the Big water class at the next few trainings.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

No Report

Public Relations:

No Report

PIO

Pub is hosting first Friday on the Green, asked to borrow 3 tables from the FD, we will drop them off

Botelle Field Day is this Wednesday, Jon needs back-up to set things up at the school. See Jon

Fire School, Torrington, hosting a vendor event next Monday, 6:00, includes a free BBQ

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

Beer can labels are complete and have been sent off to the printer. Pint size glass with “Roger” on it is being etched and will be ready soon.

Breast cancer shirts Basic design has been almost approved,

M/S/P Jon Barbagallo, Matthew Ludwig to spend \$1200.00 to purchase t-shirts. Samantha Barbagallo will assist with the sale of breast cancer shirts. From department funds Pending Trustee approval. – approval given

- **Insurance Committee**

Steven Hutchins has been working with the VFIS about cost.

- **Building Committee**

Working on final pricing, looking to get a construction manager, met with the architects last week. It’s moving along. If anyone has questions, now is the time to ask.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Ashley still needs help getting donations. Working on tickets. Will need help on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024.

Only have 40ish items, looking to have 100 items for auction.

Aug. 11, 2024, at 6:00 at Great Falls Brewery, Canaan, Trivia event to support NVFD.

Road Race Committee

Thank you to all who helped. Ron passed out awards to FireFighters running in the race. Third place Ken Ludwig, Second place Samantha Barbagallo, First place Thalyia Byrne

Truck Committee

June 9, 2024, 10:00 am at the Fire house, meeting

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

Grant from NW Community Bank for \$1000.00 for purchase of gear. Letter will be sent.

\$250.00 donation from Anne Childs thanking us for responding.

Old Business:

Annual Dinner, Chief will be calling for a new location.

Asian Cultural Center, July 6, 2024, 10:30 am, Paul arranged for a group tour for the NVFD. Let Paul or Brian know if you plan to attend.

Friday night at the Green, July 19, 2024, sponsored by NVFD.

See Ted Hinman for CPR recertification.

New Business:

Application for membership from Zachary Adams, will be voted on at next month meeting.

Tony Kiser is working on Capital Campaign to raise funds for new firehouse. He wants to create a brochure wants to create a 'yearbook' style with head shots of all members. Thoughts to group members into 'jobs', ie: interior, exterior, pump operators, officers, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary