

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2025

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.

Thank you to the Little Red Barn for the delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner.

There were 23 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** Richard Byrne, Kerry Yelsits to accept the Minutes of March 3, 2025.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 70% of the Town Budget

**M/S/P** Richard Byrne, Kerry Yelsits to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

**Attention all drivers.** Until further notice, a backup spotter is needed for all NVFD Equipment

April 12<sup>th</sup> at 0900 meet at the station for a barn burning detail on School House Rd. All Norfolk apparatus will be needed. We have invited mutual aid tankers from Drakeville and Cornwall. Colebrook fire will oversee all calls in Norfolk. On that note we would like to serve breakfast sandwiches.

**M/S/P** Brian Hutchins, Justin Zarzycki for up to \$100.00 to purchase breakfast sandwiches for the live burn on Sat. April 12, to come from department funds.

Memorial Day is approaching. The sign-up sheet will be up tomorrow, please help if you are available.

We have submitted an update request to LCD to create a 2<sup>nd</sup> alarm Brush Fire response in our CAD system. If more manpower and equipment is needed for a brush fire the following will be requested:

- North Canaan Brush Truck & personnel
- Colebrook Brush Truck & UTV
- Winchester Center Brush Truck & UTV
- 1<sup>st</sup> Automatic Tanker

Once confirmed by LCD that it is active memos will be posted at the station.

Car 5 is the trainer this month. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be solar field training. DeShazo AV Club will be needed. April 30<sup>th</sup> will be Daytime Drill

Next month is HazMat refresher if you are certified in Awareness or Operations please attend.

### **Car 2:**

LCD Radio cutover pushed back to May 12th. Other departments were not ready with programming. The channels and zones in our 800MHZ radios are being updated with the state finally. No date on when they will push the new channels to our radios though.

iPads in E90 & T100 charge off the Kaussmaul when plugged in now. 20&50 charge when the trucks running or for a few minutes after you open a cab door

We received 400' of Red 1.75" hose donated from New London FD.

100' high-rise packs were added to E30 & E90 with rack hose & spare nozzles. We're very good at pulling the 2.5" parking deck pack and this will give you a second/back-up line to fight the fire.

The application for the beer water grant was submitted again.

Uniform Polo Shirts. 47 members signed up. The 7 samples will be used. \$2600 would be needed to purchase the remaining uniform polos (\$65ea) and \$611 for the logo embroidery & flag (\$13ea). Each complete shirt is \$79. Total \$3,211. These uniform polo shirts will only be worn for official FD sanctioned events, meetings, parades, & memorial services. Not for wearing daily. Member provided Khaki pants and flat black shoes (not shiny). Motion for up move forward and replace current marching uniforms with this. \$3211 from Dept funds. Current marching uniforms would be turned in and removed from service.

**M/S/P** Matt Ludwig, Kerry Yelsits for 47 polo shirts for active members. \$3211.00 to come from department funds pending trustee approval. (Trustee approval given)

Road race prep underway. Need all hands on deck for Memorial Day next month.  
Thursday, April 24th 6p FH presentation at Botelle

Monday, May 12th town vote 7p for new firehouse. Need 100% attendance with significant others.  
Friends, family, all to vote yes

### **Car 3**

No Report

### **Car 4:**

No Report

### **Car 5:**

No Report

### **Car 6:**

No Report

### **EMS Captain:**

No Report

### **Public Relations:**

Rehab trailer was dispatched for New Hartford fire on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Supplies were used for people displaced, will be restocked.

Curling Club wash down coming up. TBA

### **Fire Marshall:**

Country Club, Aug. 16, 2025, annual fireworks, will need FD for standby, Aug. 23, is rain date.

### **Mechanics:**

Pump testing is coming up soon.

### **Cadets:**

No Report

### **LCD:**

No Report

### **Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee:**

Chili in the freezer will be served at the May monthly meeting.

**M/S/P** Steven Hutchins, Matt Ludwig to spend \$60.00 to replace the chili. To come from department funds.

- **Fund Raising:**

Paul mentioned the beer mugs, need to sell them. Also suggested that mugs be given to Norbrook, Little Red Barn for them to use.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Everyone in town will be getting a booklet about the new firehouse, made with donated funds. It will answer questions.

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 6:00 pm at Botelle School, there will be a town meeting to present new firehouse to citizens of the town. Town members will be able to ask questions. **ALL MEMBERS OF THE NVFD ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT.**

The town budget vote will be on May 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm. This will be the yay or nay for the new firehouse. **ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT, AND BRING VOTING FAMILY MEMBERS.** This is the town vote to approve the building of the new firehouse. Please wear your new NVFD polo shirt to this meeting.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Sept. 6, 2025, Silent Auction at the Curling Club.

- **Truck Committee**

No Report

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

**Correspondence:**

Donation from the Bottle ladies at the Transfer Station

Thank you note from Donna Hutchins.

Letter from Thomaston FD about their parade.

Letter about state fire parade.

**Old Business:**

Vote for membership Amanda Ingles. Voted yes. Matt will get in touch with her.

Two bills are in committee at the state legislature. One will probably make it to the floor to be voted, regarding screening.

**New Business:**

Road Race prep in underway. A food truck has been contracted for Memorial Day, Hot Chix Chicken. State police has been contacted, waiting to hear back from them. Plan is to march to Memorial Green, and not to march back up rte. 44, parade will cut through behind the catholic church and back to the firehouse. Arrangements have been made for C130 flyover.

Second annual Scramblance golf event will be taking place.

New ambulance will be delivered in fall 2025.

EMS fire pro event moving to September at Mohegan.

Question as to when Town Clean-up Day is.

Adjourned at 7:43.

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary