

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2025

Trustee Richard Byrne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

There were 25 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** Kerry Yelsits, Todd Miller to accept the Minutes of June 6, 2025.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 0% of the 2025-26 Town Budget. We are at 101% of the 2024-25 Town Budget.

**M/S/P** Dan Wuori, Ted Hinman to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Officers' Reports:**

**Chief's Report:**

Thank you everyone who has helped this month. Especially the manpower that stood by at Falls Village firehouse while they were at Lime Rock Park. Our dedication to the task was noticed.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> is Weekend in Norfolk. We have been asked to barricade Station Place on Sunday for a street fair. We have been offered to set up a booth at said event as well. Also, the PTO has asked for a firetruck to assist them with their event on Sunday. What would we like to do for our event? It was decided to have a fire safety themed open house on Saturday from 1-3

July 19<sup>th</sup> is the parade and fireworks in North Canaan. Trucks leave at about 1700 from Norfolk. Then a minimum of 1 engine is needed to provide station coverage until after the firework festivities. B50 with U70 is usually needed at the fireworks site but that is all manpower dependent. Dinner will be provided. I would like a motion to spend up to \$150 of department funds for refreshment.

**M/S/P** Brian Hutchins, Matt Ludwig to spend up to \$150.00 for food for the North Canaan stand-by. Gary Bottum will coordinate the food.

NVFD Friday Night on the Green is July 11<sup>th</sup>. We will need help and ice cream dispensing staff. Everyone please meet at the station at 1730 to help.

From July 14<sup>th</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup> North Canaan Fire will be dispatched, with 1 engine, to all calls in Norfolk from 7am- 4pm. Cars 1,2,3,20,21, and the treasurer will be out of the country.

Hose testing is early in August. Stay tuned for details.

This month's training will be conducted by car 6

Per the selectman's office the Incentive checks will be mailed this week

We are working on making portable mobile radios the best they can be. We have a list of channels and features to add or subtract. Any suggestions please contact Car 2. SOP on channel usage will be coming soon. Please remember to sign on to a call on Response 800.

Weekend in Norfolk Aug. 2-3, 2025 – Open House at FD, try to get the smoke house

### Car 2:

Annual Physicals at AFC at 1171 East Main St. Torrington, (860)866-4321. Open Mon-Fri 8a-8p, Sat/Sun 8a-5p. Due by August 25th per the By-laws. Add the DOT physical ONLY if you are expiring.

- You need a physical if you're 18 or older, an Interior, Exterior, C member, or a new member.
- Cadets and support members are the only ones that do not need physicals.
- Also, don't wait till the last minute to get an appointment in case they can't fit you in.

If there's any members that have AT&T and/or want FirstNet services and discounted billing: Plans unlimited rate is \$43/month.

- FirstNet Organization ID: TET5PD
- Members Affiliation Code: NORFOLKCTF

T-Mobile offers a similar 1sf Responder plan too.

All Events & Trainings are entered into FireTek. Please RSVP online so officers can see a head count and plan accordingly. If you tap the number, you can see who's RSVP'd.

July 19th Canaan parade and Fireworks standby. Wear your new polo!

When we're on vacation, Make a decision. We trust your judgment.

Looking to submit another regional AFG Grant for PFAS-Free/2nd or first set turnout gear with area departments. **Motion** to move forward and cover grant writer costs up to \$2000 and the 5% to 10% match if awarded. Dept funds

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Dan Wuori to authorize up to \$2000.00 for Grant writer fees for the AFG Grant, to split with regional departments, pending Trustee approval.

Last few 911 signs need to be hammered in. Once they're in the next 50 can be made.

### Car 3:

E90 rear suction will need to be fixed.

E40 the AC needs to be repaired; new fans are on order.

E50 the reel needs to be put back on the truck.

**Car 4:**

No Report

**Car 5:**

No Report

**Car 6:**

No Report

**EMS Captain:**

No Report

**Public Relations:**

Jon and Richard are doing a presentation about lessons learned during the gas spill.

**Fire Marshall:**

Aug 16, Fireworks at the Country Club.

**Mechanics:**

No report.

**Cadets:**

Steven and Matthew are in charge.

**LCD:**

No Report

**Committee Reports:**

● **House Committee:**

No Report

● **Fund Raising:**

No Report

● **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Meeting with P&Z on Tuesday to go over small changes. Bids will be opened on July 10, 2025. Groundbreaking in early August. Once groundbreaking happens, a 6 ft. fence will be put up around the site, no access to back parking lot. Fuel will be moved to Town Garage or George's. All trucks will be facing forward (towards Shepard Rd.)

- **Anniversary Committee**

Need people to help getting raffle prizes for the Silent Auction.

- **Truck Committee**

No Report

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

**Correspondence:**

Invite to the Canaan parade.

**Old Business:**

Application for Isabelle Gregor for membership, approved.

Harry Bennett is a Cadet.

**New Business:**

Application for membership from Joseph Brown, for active exterior.

Karl Janak is in Alaska fighting wildfires.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary