

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 3, 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, Martyn, for running the meeting last month.

Welcome to Amanda Ingles, who is looking into membership.

There were 24 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Todd Miller, Kerry Yelsits to accept the Minutes of February 3, 2025.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 65% of the Town Budget

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

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Great job for Litchfield St. fire. Everyone did an amazing job.

- Outstanding job lately and especially at the 979 Litchfield Rd structure fire. It's great to see the training come to life. We drill and drill until its second nature, so when the chips are down everything is automatic.
- The proposed 25/26 budget has been turned into the selectman's office. Also, the incentive numbers have been handed in. If you are wondering your specific number, please see Car 2 or myself. The incentive overall cost was down approximately \$12,000 from last year. At this time no communication on reducing either have been received
- Joint Fire and EMS meeting will be March 22nd 0900. Looking for a motion not to exceed \$100
- The "Return to duty" SOP has been completed. It will be attached to the minutes, and I have a copy here if anyone wants to check it out.
- Received a FOI for the 979 Litchfield Rd structure fire
- We have been approached to host a Friday Night on The Green once again. Of the dates that were presented to us July 11th is the best fit. I would like to make a motion not to exceed \$100 for ice cream to give away at the event

- Winter Weekend in Norfolk has come and gone, had about 700% more people than the last 2 years. Thank you to all baking volunteers.

Drills this Month 10th Foam with C1
 17th NIGHT OFF
 24th Extrication Demo/Classroom with C3
 26th Daytime Drill
 31st Equipment Inspection

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Todd Miller to spend up to \$100.00 for Joint NVFD/NLCA meeting to come from department funds.

Return to duty document. Attach to minutes.

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Judy Ludwig to spend up to \$100.00 for Ice Cream to come from department funds for Friday night on the Green July 11, 2025. There will be a sign-up sheet for members to participate.

Car 2:

Great job everyone at the house fire last month.

-LCD radio channel change planned for this month the week of the 24th. Changes are 2 new Repeaterized channels so you will hear every unit in the county now. Remember to wait your turn to talk on "response" or "Command". Dispatch will no longer transmit and is receive only. Remember for all to use FireTek.

-Pager programming: Mondays the 10th, 24th, & 31st at 6:30p Need to update all of them.

-The old HT1250 portables on engines have been updated with new channels.

-Still waiting on the state to approve all the submitted codeplugs for the new 800mhz radios. They assured LCD that any hold up would not be their fault. The new update includes turning on our 800Fireground channel.

-Training overview on new radio procedures this month.

-iPads were added to the tanker & brush truck thanks to DeShazo for the Grant to purchase them. All 6 apparatus now have them. Request was made to FireTek to add new apparatus to system as well.

-Dispatcher Telecom week. April 13-19, motion for \$200 for dispatcher appreciation.

-Elbeco polo shirts \$45-\$60 depending on size (avail in women sizes too) plus \$12 for the NVFD logo and flag patch on sleeve. \$62pp plus shipping. Members need to request one and sign up. Motion to buy 1 of each size for sizing purposes and then open to the membership to sign up. This will replace the current uniforms for all events/parades. Thinking Navy blue shirt, kaki

pant/shorts, black belt, black shoes, no hat.

Annual Ocean State Job lot first responder sale - March 13, 2025, through March 19, 2025. get 40% back as a Crazy Deal Gift Card when you spend \$20 or more

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Ashley Allyn to spend \$200.00 for Dispatcher Week for food for LCD, to come from department funds.

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Kerry Yelsits to spend \$300.00 to purchase shirt sizes for new polo shirts to come from department funds.

Car 3:

Good job on Litchfield Road fire, everyone did an excellent job.

Car 4:

No Report

Car 5:

Getting ready to do driver training next month. Need to have everyone signed off on trucks.

M/S/P Justin, Steven to spend \$200.00 for dry erase board for names for truck check off, to come from department funds.

Car 6:

No Report

EMS Captain:

If you have any issues with the OSHA training, let Ashley know. Needs to be completed ASAP.

Public Relations:

No Report

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

Tentative agreement between LCD and dispatchers union. Town fee for LCD is increasing, but a very small amount.

Final meeting on March 10, 2025, about switch over.

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No Report

- **Fund Raising:**

No Report

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Plans should be all finished by March 7, 2025, will be reviewed by committee, and will move forward from there. Cost has been trimmed down.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Waiting to hear back from Curling Club, date for Silent Auction will be Sat. Sept. 6, 2025. Start getting donations now.

- **Truck Committee**

No Report

- **By-Law Committee**

No Report

Correspondence:

Thank you note from Winsted Auxiliary thanking us for our donation.

Old Business:

Membership vote for Nick Amato, was approved.

New Business:

Rope Rescue March 9, 2025, 9 am all regional teams are meeting for equipment cache show at Lakeville Fire House.

Application for membership from Amanda Ingles.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary