

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. With a moment of silence for Past and deceased members.

Thanks to the Jon Barbagallo and the Curling Club for the pizza and salad they provided for dinner.

Ron Zanobi presented scholarships to 12 students. Funds came from Road Race profits.

There were 30 members present plus the scholarship recipients.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Todd Miller, Ashley Allyn to accept the Minutes of July 6, 2026.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 20% of the Town Budget.

M/S/P Justin Zarzycki, Matt Ludwig to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

- Thank you everyone for the help with our "silly season." We are not done yet so please help.
- The Litchfield County Fire Chief's Cancer Support Group is conducting their second annual Cancer Screening Day. They are asking for a donation. Last year we approved \$250.00.
- This year's clinic will be Sept 19th, and we are able to send one member. You must be over 30 years old. Contact Car 1 if you are interested 860-485-3981
- September 20th is the Norfolk Ambulance golf tournament. I would like to put a team together. There are three people who have been voluntold. We need one more member.
- August 22nd is the Winsted Parade. Lineup starts at 430 pm, step off is 6pm. We can take all our eight pieces of equipment. Just please make sure Norfolk is protected after the parade.
- This month training is Car 5
- Please get physicals in by the annual meeting.
- We need to schedule a Council meeting this month.
- Just a quick reminder. Responding to the station for an emergency does not mean driving like you are in the Indy 500. The moment you put a Norfolk Fire license plate on your vehicle; you are representing the department. People notice especially when your blue lights are on. Those lights are there to help you get to the station safely. Slow down, drive

responsibly, and remember getting there safely is better than getting there a few seconds faster.

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Matt Ludwig for \$250.00 for Cancer Screening Support Group, to come from department funds.

Car 2:

- We were awarded the DripDrop Hydration Grant, receiving 200 hydration packets (Watermelon and Berry flavors).
- We were awarded a \$10,000 State Farm Good Neighbor/Firefighter Safety Program Grant. Funds will be used to purchase the high-visibility traffic coats and pagers. I will be confirming everyone's size selections before placing the order.
- The department was not selected for the Nutella Pancake Mix or Ricochet Gear grants. We plan to reapply during the next funding cycle.
- Received confirmation that the check for the 2024 DEEP grant is being processed. Up to 6 weeks for check to come.
- Compiling the paperwork for the 2026 DEEP matching funds grant for tanker fill/dump site appliances.
- Submitted a grant for 5 sets of Tech rescue/exterior gear and a Cairns 1836 fire helmet.
- The new hose cover has been installed on Engine 40. It is secured with two paddle buckles on each side of the top for access to the 4" and 3" hose, along with a front retaining strap similar to Engine 30.
- The whole house fire extinguishers on 20, 50, and 90 have reached their 15-year service life. Replacement cost is \$1,045 plus shipping per unit. Will investigate options available and report back next month.
- Annual hose, ladder, and hard suction testing has been completed. All equipment passed except for three ladder rungs on Engine 30, which showed wear from the apparatus mounts. Area Chiefs will meet in September to review the findings and discuss the testing company.
- Officer Development Training: October 10, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. at the Fire School, presented by Leigh Shapiro. Courses include *Critical Thinking for Fire Officer Development* (2 hours) and *First Due Boss for Beginners* (3 hours). Contact Car 2 to register.
- AT&T/FirstNet has offered to provide Gatorade and snacks for an upcoming training night. A date is being finalized.
- The VFIS Accident & Sickness renewal policy has been received. Anyone wishing to review the policy may do so. This winter would be a good opportunity to have members sit on the committee to meet with a VFIS representative, review the coverage, and provide recommendations back to the membership.
- Following the loss of several scholarship applications in the mail, the scholarship on the website is now accepting electronic submissions. Applications can now be completed and resumes uploaded online, eliminating the need to mail applications.
- Friday on the Green: Ice cream and popcorn from Ken.
- **Motion requested:** Allocate \$300 from Department funds to purchase 640 ice cream servings. Will watch weather and plan accordingly.
- Mike secured a discounted rate for the bounce house over the weekend but personally paid \$200. **Motion requested:** Reimburse Mike from Department funds.

- Reminder: All department events, training sessions, and activities are posted in FireTek. Please RSVP to assist with planning and headcounts.

M/S Matt Ludwig, Justin Zarzycki to purchase 3 new house extinguishers to cost at a cost of \$1000.00 each to come from Town equipment replacement line item. Motion tabled to look into other companies for purchase.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Jusitn Zarzycki for \$300.00 to purchase 600 items of ice cream to come from department funds to purchase ice cream for Friday Night on the Green.

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John DeShazo to reimburse Mike Listorti \$200.00 for the cost of the bounce house for Weekend in Norfolk, to come from department funds.

Car 3:

E90, the insurance will cover \$15,000.00 for repairs. E40 is repaired, mechanical failure of a brake valve for a cost of \$8000.00.

Car 4:

Thanks to Justin for painting the white lines at the firehouse.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

If you have misplaced your gear, look in the officer book and find the number assigned to your gear, and then go look for that number.

Offering one on one training on machinery.

EMS Captain:

Dr. Noonan has responded, waiting on renewal for EMS license.

Public Relations:

No Report

Fire Marshall:

No Report

Mechanics:

No Report

Cadets:

No Report

LCD:

No Report

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No Report

- **Fund Raising:**

Made \$160.00 on shirt sales and donations during WIN

Farmers Market at Norbrook on every 3rd Wednesday, Amanda will be there.

Local Band of Grantville Dogs will have a benefit concert at Infinity on Feb. 13, 2027, all proceeds to go to the NVFD.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Building Committee**

Things are finally moving along, slab has been poured, brick walls are going up, expect to put trusses up on back area in 2 weeks. Beam signing will happen before it gets put up, all members will get an opportunity to sign, text will go out for date.

Fire siren will be pulled off the station roof prior to being placed on the new firehouse. Once it is down, we will clean and paint it.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Secured one of our old Segraves truck for the event, will be at the new firehouse for the ribbon cutting and then hopefully moved to the Arcanum building to recreate an old photo.

Anniversary/Birthday party date is July 10, 2027.

- **Truck Committee**

Today, Aug. 3, 2027, the selectman voted to allow the NVFD to go to bid for a new truck. Bids will be due Aug. 12, 2027. Thanks to all members.

- **By-Law Committee**

Will be meeting later this month.

Correspondence:

Residents from Southfield Mass sent us a generous donation for our response to their house fire.

Old Business:

Making headway on national level for firefighter cancer screening.

New Business:

3 applications for membership for active exterior, Sarah Foster, Logan Jones, Samuel Banks.

Request for a member to be reinstated, Chelsey Bottom as a Support member, voted into membership.

Annual dinner Sept. 12, 2026, Starting at 5 for fun stuff, dinner at 7:00

Will get back about 9/11 remembrance ceremony.

New ambulance has arrived, should be in service in about a month.

250th tee shirts have arrived; Amanda will inform everyone who ordered.

Thanks to Paul Padua for his 10 years as President.

Paul wrote a response to the Norfolk Now regarding an article they posted.

Adjourn at 7:55 pm

Judy Ludwig

NVFD Secretary