

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting

APRIL 7, 2003

1. **Secretary's Report:** Accepted as posted.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Read & accepted.
3. **LCD Report:**
 - Proposed budget has been trimmed back to a 4.5% increase but does not cut services.
 - Budget issues still exist with town of Litchfield.
4. **Chief's Report:**
 - North Canaan was requested for stand-by during the recent MVA due to the commitment of all our rescue tools and utility truck.
 - The Norfolk First Selectman was advised of the increase of automatic alarms and frequent lack of response from key holders. A request was made to increase the current fine regarding multiple false alarms.
 - The stress cracks in Eng 30's cab will be repaired for free by the HME dealer Twin Lights located in Milford, CT. The apparatus will be out of service as of Wednesday, April 9 for approximately 1 week as a pump and safety check will also be performed.
 - Officer's meeting needs to be scheduled for this month.
 - Jeff Towle resigned as Assistant Chief. The Chief expressed thanks for Jeffrey's efforts while in office and announced that filling that position will be addressed next month.
5. **Warden's Report:**
 - A broken valve for the cross lay on the brush truck needs to be replaced/repaired.

- As of June 1st, Rescue Gator repair parts will no longer be available.
- New turn out gear is due in next week.

6. Training Officer's Report:

- The April schedule was distributed to the attending membership and will be posted.
- A June Haz/Mat refresher awareness and operational course will be offered (schedule to be announced). Interested members should sign-up on the bulletin board.
- A rural water supply class is scheduled for 5/17 here at the firehouse. Other area departments are invited to attend.
- The new recruit class is progressing well and all members are invited to attend and/or assist.

7. Mechanic's Report:

- A new battery for the brush truck was purchased.

8. Fire Police Report:

- No report

9. Explorer's Report:

- An approved motion allows for the purchase of 4 sets of turnout gear with the cost being shared 50/50 (\$1097.50each) between the department and the post.

10. Old Business:

- Building Committee Report:
 - An architect will be scheduled to visit with the committee in the near future. The time to be announced.
- Truck Committee Report:
 - A drawing of the proposed engine was displayed.

- The specifications are near completion and include foam, user-friendly design, and enclosed storage.
 - The specifications will be presented to the membership for approval upon completion.
 - Grant pursuit continues
 - Incentive Committee Report:
 - The Board of Finance was receptive to the ambulance's Incentive Committee's presentation.
 - By-Laws Committee Report:
 - The revisions are complete and will be made available to the membership by email and/or hard copy.
 - Several meetings were offered to interested members to discuss the revisions.
 - The revisions are now posted and cannot be acted on for at least 30 days.
 - A motion that the by-laws revision proposal be reviewed by the attending membership at regular monthly business meetings to the extent that all changes and/or additions are addressed by means of open discussion regarding rationale and impact prior to a vote to accept or reject them was approved.
- A \$500 application fee for tax-exempt certification was approved.
 - A motion was approved to spend \$250 for uniform parts.
 - The Easter Egg hunt will be addressed next year.

11. New Business:

- Falls Village parade is scheduled for August 8th.
- CSP cadets will assist with the Memorial Day activities. Members should check the posted duty roster for their assignment(s).
- Martha Rochelle has submitted her resignation.
- A video of the recent MVA will be shown after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn approved at 8:35pm