

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting

MARCH 3, 2003

1. **Secretary's Report:** Accepted as posted.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Not available.
3. **LCD Report:**
 - Budget increase projected @ 5% and does not include the additional staff as was first proposed.
 - The use of the low band frequency to be eliminated for NVFD when our new high band pagers are in service.
4. **Chief's Report:**
 - The ISO inspection revealed that our training records need improvement in regard to both documentation and the use of separate records. The town's hydrants will be tested when the weather permits.
 - Members deficient in meeting by-law requirements will be notified by mail.
5. **Warden's Report:**
 - Turn-out gear approved at February's meeting has been purchased.
 - The vent saw has been repaired and is back in service.
 - The purchase of a portable heater is still being investigated.
6. **Training Officer's Report:**
 - The March training schedule was distributed and discussed and will be posted.
 - A gear check is to be completed this month on practice nights. Drivers are asked to present their CDL physical cards to be photo copied for the files.
 - A Rural Water Supply class is scheduled for 5/17 & 18. Further information to be posted.
7. **Mechanic's Report:**
 - HME has offered to absorb the cost, or part of the cost of the repair needed for the cab of Engine 30. Quotes for the repair are expected soon.
8. **Fire Police Report:**
 - No report
9. **Explorer's Report:**
 - Car wash this Saturday 9-1.
 - A new membership proposal is available for review. Discussion and possible action has been tabled until next month's meeting.
10. **Old Business:**
 - Building Committee Report:
 - Pursuing FEMA grant
 - Truck Committee Report:
 - Specification draft complete
 - FEMA application to begin
 - Incentive Committee Report:
 - Draft posted for review
 - By-Laws Committee Report:
 - The revised by-laws draft will be available via email and will be posted for review.
 - Open meetings are scheduled for March 15, 10AM & March 26, 7PM to address the committee regarding questions/comments/concerns.

- A presentation made by Ken Ludwig regarding the four NVFD initiatives was well received by both the Board Of Finance and Board Of Selectmen.
- The set back tournament is rescheduled for 3/9 @ 11AM.
- The HAZ/MAT trailer request is being reviewed and a response is expected by late summer.
- Congratulations are in order for Brian Hutchins and Matt Ludwig regarding the recent newspaper article and accompanying photo.

11. New Business:

- Allen Colwell was moved from the Explorer membership to the active firefighter membership as the result of an approved motion for the secretary to cast one ballot for Allen.
- A few members still have not signed the membership roster. This needs to be done for insurance coverage purposes.
- The Amenia parade is scheduled for July 3, information will be posted.
- The Road Race is scheduled for 5/26. Preparation information will be posted.
- The attending membership was asked about the possible resurrection (no pun intended) of the NVFD Easter Egg hunt. More information will be forth coming.
- A uniform check is scheduled for 3/29 @ 10AM. Members who might need various uniform parts should attend.
- A photo of engine 60 has been loaned to the town for inclusion on the cover of the town's annual report.
- The cut-off saw purchase is on hold pending budget surplus.
- A motion to donate our old low band pagers/radios to Winchester Center FD was approved.
- The new siren hardware is in service. Please do not handle.
- The new high band pagers have been ordered and are due soon.
- The radio problem with Utility 50 is suspected to be interference with the truck's electronics, or that of its light package.
- A motion by Daryl Byrne was seconded and approved directing the NVFD Board of Trustees and the administration to within 60 days announce the department's intentions for the centennial surplus money that is currently secured in a CD account.

Motion to adjourn approved at: 8:39.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Paul Padua, NVFD Secretary.