

NVFD Monthly Business Meeting

February 8, 2005

Called to order by President, Arthur Rosenblatt @7:30

Secretary's Report:

- To be reposted with correction.

Treasurer's Report:

- Accepted as presented.
- Request from the Treasurer to submit invoices.

LCD:

- The committee was introduced to the new bargaining unit and spent the meeting in Executive session.

Chief:

- The Northwest Zone is sponsoring a HAZMAT refresher course in Canaan February 8th & 15th.
- The Chief presented a proposal through the Northwest Zone to purchase an air mask fitting machine which each department in the Zone can buy into.
- A motion was made by Todd Miller and seconded by Rowland Denney to buy into the above mentioned plan at a cost of \$1,250.00. Motion passed.
- State Fire School schedule to be posted.

Wardens:

- The portable pump for Engine 30 has been repaired.
- New hose was packed on the trucks.

Training Officer:

- February's training schedule was distributed and discussed as follows:
 - 02/21 CO Meter/Thermal Imager, Outside Trainer.
 - 02/28 CPR/AED Training, Outside trainer 6:30 p.m. (See Car 5 for training book)

Mechanics:

- Nothing to report.

Fire Police:

- There is a need to pre-plan traffic patterns for detours especially in and near the center of town.

Explorers:

- The Council will take up personnel problems at their next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:** No meeting, Bethel has a new firehouse.

- **Incentive Committee:** This years' figures and signatures have been sent to Selectmen's Office.
- **Truck Committee:** Will schedule meeting for this month.
- **Insurance Committee:** R. Byrne went to the CIRMA informational meeting at the Fire Academy. An informational packet is available.

Old Business:

- Nomination forms will be mailed in accordance with the By-Laws to start the election process for the (President) vacancy.
- Steven Janssen has requested to be transferred to Veteran status within the department. Request accepted by the membership.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Daryl Byrne and seconded by Judy Ludwig to approve the Budget request for 2005-2006 as presented. Motion carried.
- The Set-Back tournament has been scheduled for March 20th.
- Ken Ludwig requested the creation of a committee to revisit the By-Laws for clarification and to look at bringing them into alignment/conformance with the SOP's & SOG's along with NFPA, OSHA, NIOSH and FEMA standards. To initiate changes in the way the department operates for firefighter safety, risk management and liability and to clarify several paragraphs. A review of the By-Laws by a qualified attorney (preferably one with a background in firefighter safety and fire department litigation) and to implement his recommendations to the benefit of the membership, the department and the Town of Norfolk.
- The President stated he would not take action on the request until such time he was able to appropriately appraise it.
- Ken Ludwig expressed concerns at the misuse and loss of department equipment.
- A motion was made a passed to present a gift of \$500 to the Children's Fund of past member Ronald Dauphinais who recently passed away.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:01 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Richard Byrne