

NVFD Monthly Business Meeting

March 6, 2006

Called to order @7:34

Secretary's Report:

- February's Business Meeting minutes accepted as posted.

Treasurer's Report:

- Accepted as presented.

LCD:

- A motion approved Jon Barbagallo's appointment as LCD representative starting in 04/06.

Chief:

- Thanks to all members regarding their participation with calls and training last month.
- Engine 60's ladder is back in-service after repair to a rung.
- The firehouse generator automatic start capability is in disrepair. In the event of a power failure it will need to be started manually. Service is scheduled for its repair.
- The membership incentive review and the budget is complete and has been submitted to the town.
- Any dispatch for any part of the RT 44 corridor will be answered with a full response.
- Members were complemented for a job well done with both the Colebrook and Canaan structure fires.
- The CAF system as specified for the new apparatus needs to be revisited.

Wardens:

- 2 boxes of flares are needed.

Training:

- Participation at actual calls will now count toward training requirements.
- A Zone Forestry training class is scheduled for March 15, and a NIMS compliance class is scheduled for May 13 & 14 at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.
- The ambiguity of the NIMS compliance mandate was discussed.
- This month's training topics TBA.
- The fit test will be scheduled ASAP.
- Discussion regarding the Highway Watch program was entertained.

Mechanics:

- A simple majority approved the purchase of tire chains and repair links for Engine 60 not to exceed \$450.

- Jumper cables have been purchased.
- The high idle feature on Engine 30 should be used to prevent draining the electrical system.
- A motion to purchase 4 self-starting butane torches not to exceed \$150 was approved.
- The possibility of an in-house installation of a PTO pump for the tanker will be investigated.

Fire Police:

- The recent traffic control training went well. The Explorers are to be complimented for their participation.
- Special thanks to those members who provided refreshments for recent calls and classes.
- Thanks to members who provided traffic control assistance at recent calls.
- The use of road signs for traffic control during detours was discussed.
- Badges are needed for new Fire Police members.
- Fire Police will be issued special numbers for improved radio communications.
- A motion to recommend to the selectmen Bobby Towle as a candidate for fire police was approved.

Explorers:

- Post advisors reminded members that a 9pm curfew for school nights is to be enforced for Explorers (unless Post member is accompanied by a NVFD member parent or guardian).
- A car wash/bake sale is scheduled for 4/8, from 10-2.
- A school community service project requirement satisfaction will be investigated.
- The Explorers are interested in personal Jackets.
- The Post Charter has been renewed.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:** A recent building and site inspection was conducted. Concern regarding the use of EMS vs. ES by town officials when referring to building issues was discussed.
- **Truck Committee:** The CAF system as specified is to be revisited. The spec's will be posted for membership review. The NVFD has been invited to train with foam application in North Canaan during the month of April . Discussion ensued.
- **Insurance Committee:** No Report.

Correspondence:

- Thomaston's 125-year anniversary celebration parade is scheduled for August 12.
- DEP forestry division cadet training is scheduled for 4/14. Details TBA.

Old Business:

- The NVFD must report within 48 hours any motions approved regarding public safety procedures and/or expenditure of town funds to the town clerk per FOI. Further, meeting agendas must be posted with the town at least 24 hours in advance.

New Business:

- The acquisition of a Tractor Supply commercial account credit card will be investigated.
- New keys were explained & distributed. See Ron for a new key.
- Rope will be purchase for all Engines.
- Discussion was entertained regarding possible grant monies available to the NVFD.
- Falls Village Fire Department donated their Survivair SCBA and spare bottles to the NVFD. They have also offered their cascade bottles. A thank you letter is in order. These packs will be serviced and some retrofitted with PASS devices.
- A motion approved a \$700 snow blower purchase.
- A text message/LCD consent form is available from Daryl to any interested member.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:21

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Paul Padua