

NVFD Monthly Business Meeting

November 6, 2006

Called to order @7:31

Secretary's Report:

- October's Business Meeting minutes accepted as emailed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Accepted as presented.

LCD:

- The new contract has been signed and pay scales have been adjusted.

Chief:

1. An Ashpohtag Rd resident complained of lawn damage due to our operations at a neighboring structure fire. The town addressed the damage and a letter regarding the issue was sent by the chief.
2. A NVFD Chaplain policy will be posted.
3. House Fire #8 Ashpohtag 10/29/06 Thank you sent to mutual aid departments. Reported fire at 650 Litchfield Rd thanks again. Critique on the 3rd went well. It been a busy Sixty Days so far.
4. Halloween thanks to all who assisted with games and traffic control
5. Area training calendar on our wed site Matt will be updated the site.
6. Will be reviewing truck specs this evening. Meeting with Selectman on Wednesday night the 8th at 7 pm to review plan for apparatus purchase.
7. Testing the 4-inch hose from Sheffield Friday morning the 10th at 9 am.
8. Met New Marlborough Fire Mutual aid.
9. Officer meeting changed to Wednesday the 15th hosting Winsted area chiefs.
10. Falls Village Fire Department Dance Saturday 11/11/06 at 8 pm
11. Associate member Kim Gillian. From Riverton. Works at Coon Club PT.
12. Karaoke night the 18th of November at PUB.
13. Christmas tree lighting 25th of November. WFD trip to Boston.
14. Light Bar from B80 removed damaging roof of truck. Improper size and mounting. Need to purchase a new bar suggest something small and low profile.
15. Riverton Fire brought their turbo draft system on the 30th of October. Interesting concept however worked best with five-inch supply hose. Also flow tested tanker and portable pumps.
16. Asked Ken to review State bid process. Robin pricing Fire police equipment. Jeff will order little giant ladder. Need to replace on pike pole damaged in training.
17. Unfunded Fire Marshal training full or part time courses available See me if anyone is interested.
18. The ambulance received \$400 thousand in funding for the new ambulance building. Waiting architect drawings.
19. Administrative policy for Department chaplain.
20. Explorer post charter renewal. Explorers can assist with setting up traffic control they cannot do traffic control.

21. Cordless tool set in service on U50 and E60. Letter sent to Lindells for donation.
22. NFPA passes hose storage changes any hose shall be equipped to have a positive means to prevent unintentional deployment of hose. Mechanics are already looking into systems for our engines. Thanks to Paul's initiative.
23. CIRMA is now covering Accidental death and dismemberment. Beneficiary cards coming soon.
24. Blue light permits. Sign Sheet
25. CT Fire Chiefs meeting 11/28 6pm aqua turf.
26. Emergency management has funds available for an equipment trailer. I will be finalizing our request to them.
27. Communications and safety issue on E30 need second radio installed on pump panel to allow operator to change frequencies from panel. Cost approximately \$900.00 for installation. Request Trustees approve as soon as possible.

Wardens:

- Extinguishers are back in-service.
- Spare circular and reciprocating saw blades have been purchased.

Training Officer:

- November's area training scheduled has been emailed. In-house practices include 11/13 cold-water rescue and 11/20 RIT training.
- An in-house HAZ/MAT course is being planned with details to be announced.
- Members were reminded to complete the NIMS on-line course and submit a copy of their certification to Ted.

Mechanics:

- The diesel pump has been repaired.
- Considerable smoke has been noticed in Engine 30's exhaust. Discussion regarding fuel type and quality ensued.
- A method to prevent an unintentional deployment of apparatus hose is being investigated.

Fire Police:

- Thanks regarding recent responses.
- Many Fire Police will be needed for the Christmas Tree lighting.

Explorers:

- The Post Charter has been renewed.
- The Chief is considering using the Explorers to assist with our accountability system.
- A Search & Rescue course is scheduled for 11/18 with a map reading course scheduled for 11/16.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:** The committee continues to wait on the wetlands study.

- **Truck Committee:** The committee reviewed the specification and discussed their reactions to the various vendors they met with. An updated hard copy of the spec's will be available for the membership's review.
- **Insurance Committee:**
- **House Committee:**
 - \$350 was approved for kitchen supplies/equipment.
 - The committee will investigate the cost of replacing the folding metal chairs.
 - \$200 was approved for film and other supplies for use at the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser.
 - Food from the firehouse cabinets has been boxed and is available for use at the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser.
 - 2 folding tables, 15 gallons of hot choc, and donuts and garbage cans w/bags will need to be brought to the green for the Tree Lighting.
 - The committee reports a surplus of plastic ware and paper cups.

Correspondence:

- A \$25 donation was received from the Berkshire Woman's Club.
- Falls Village Fire Department Dance 11/11/06
- Letter Norfolk Energy Task Force encouraging conservation measures and announcing potential grant applications.

Old Business:

- Kim Gillen was approved as an Active A, Associate Member.
- Matt & Dylan have been appointed as Wardens, Leo as safety officer.
- 100 cots & blankets have been received and are being stored in various places around town.
- The Accountability System is being addressed and the list is being updated.
- The Karaoke DJ had to cancel, a new DJ has been hired at a \$75 increase.

New Business:

- Ken reported on his Firefighter Safety course participation.
- Paul has volunteered to chair the Delivery w/Santa fundraiser.
- Members interested in helping with a Car Show fundraiser should contact Jeff.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:12

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Paul Padua