

NVFD Meeting

July 7, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Rowland Denny

Secretary's Report: Accepted as emailed.

Treasurers Report: Accepted as read.

LCD:

- The new LCD Executive director is in place.
- CAD training is ongoing and will be in-place by 10/1/08.
- The LCD road show is receiving positive feedback.
- A new dispatcher is now training.
- Storm warnings improvements are being considered.
- Employment applications for dispatchers are being accepted.
- The Sherman tower project has been put off due to insufficient funds.
- The Communication Manager's employment has been terminated and the position temporarily filled.
- New mechanisms to provide assistance to departments overwhelmed by response requests are being investigated.

Chief's Report:

- We were officially notified by American Lafrance that as of May 23rd they are out of Chapter 11. No change in the delivery date. However, our dealer American Lafrance of Southern New England is no longer the sales representative. We will be represented by a RI dealer. The service and repairs can still be done in Hartford.
- I would like thank the members who were able to commit so much of their time during the weather events and stand by. Your being available for the town's people continuously for thirty six hours was well noted.
- The Studebaker project will be delayed for repair until August it will remain road worthy for the 250th celebration but much work is needed on the break system. D&R Auto will be looking into the cost of parts and repairs.
- Reminder that Adam T. and Brody C. are attending the introduction to the fire service this week.
- We received the matching fund grant of \$2,500 from DEP Forestry. I spoke with the Treasurer and trustees for approval to purchase the air pack with department funds. This will complete our air pack update to the Scott 4.5 this year's budget. This will be the fifth 4.5 air pack to be placed on E30.

- Congratulations to Matt L., Jeff T., Richard B., and Ted H. for completing the Rope Rescue course. The course was well attended by area departments. The department had to compensate for a loss of \$650.00 due to two of our members who signed up for the class but did not attend.
- I was notified by Probate court that we will be receiving a gift from the estate of Eloise Christinat. I would like to see the donation applied to the air pack matching fund purchase.
- We also received a Wild land fire reimbursement from the Winchester brush fires of just over \$700. I would also like to see these funds applied to the matching funds grant for the air pack. In the past the members have agreed to donate the compensated man hours back to the department. I would like to make this a matter of policy for any future wild land reimbursements that the same is done with the funds. A motion approved such action.
- We received a thank you letter and from Yale School for the assistance of the department during the sprinkler activation at the Music Shed. They also sent a sheet cake enjoy.
- The Annual family day is August 17th Todd Miller is the organizer (South Norfolk Catering) at Noon sharp hopes to have a bounce house this year.
- Colebrook Fire Department is having their steak dinner this Saturday at 5 pm. We will be providing automatic mutual aid for them.
- North Canaan fireworks is the 26th we will be providing a standby crew at their fire house beginning at 7 pm. (BBQ and potluck Matt L hosting.)
- The I am responding .com is up and running both here and at LCD please try this system out it will help with knowing who is responding and eliminate second tones and siren activations. It also has a schedule in which you can put your availability for the officers to review and know who's in town and who's not.
- The AED is back in service for U50.

Wardens:

- The new Scott SCBA's are in service.
- Engine 30's SCBA have been moved to Engine 60.
- 4 spare SCBA bottles are on the floor, 4 other SCBA bottles are in the storage crate.
- The portable deck gun mount is on Engine 30.

Training: to be posted and emailed.

- The new NVFD website is on line.

Mechanics:

- The fuel line has been replaced in Tanker 100.
- The winch on Utility 50 has been wired.

- The spot lights on the brush truck are in service.
- Utility 50 should be weighed.
- The damaged tire on Engine 30 will be replaced this month.

Fire Police: No report.

Explorers:

- The post membership will drop to 6 members by August.
- The post members will assist with the block party food booth.

Correspondence: A letter of appreciation addressed to the selectmen regarding our efforts during the recent storm was read.

Old Business:

- Jeff R. was approved for active B membership by the attending membership.

Building Committee: The town is waiting for a letter from the state regarding grant money.

Insurance Committee: The new VFIS policy is in effect as of July 1.

House Committee: The committee members were thanked for the refreshments provided during the recent ropes training course.

ATV Committee: More raffle tickets still need to be sold. All sold tickets and monies should be submitted to Tyler.

New Business:

- \$500 was approved for an annual department audit needed to maintain the 501C3 status to be performed by Robert Pallone
- Bri W. was approved for active member status as of her July 17th birthday.
- Help will be needed for the town's 250th celebration on Friday, August 1st. Saturday's parade steps off at 4PM.
- NVFD T-shirts will be ordered and will be for sale soon.

Meeting adjourn 8:24

Minutes recorded and submitted by Paul Padua, NVFD secretary.