

## NVFD Meeting

June 2, 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 director begins his position on 7/7
- The CAD is scheduled to be in-service by the 1/1/09
- All tower sites have been maintained.
- Life Star will visit LCD sometime this Fall
- LCD will begin using the PAR check system.
- The LCD dispatcher's new contract awards a 3.5 percent raise w/step.
- cardiac care team.
- LCD/town contracts are due for signatures.

### **Chief's Report:**

- Job well done for Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to all who assisted with clean up, set up and organizing the different events. The fire police expressed concern about the need for better organization regarding the closing of RT 44 for the parade.
- ALF has begun the exiting from Chapter 11. Building of E40 is scheduled to begin in October.
- We received thank you and photo from Falls Village Fire Department for the April 22 barn fires
- Two new Scott 4.5 air packs are here and will be placed in service after training on their use.
- Reminder: Physicals are scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> sign up will be posted. You can also schedule your own appointment if you need to.
- The NVFD web site is being converted to the new company this week. The old site will be active for another week or so as we finalize the changes.

- The [www.iamrespoding.com](http://www.iamrespoding.com) account has been established we will be able to set up profiles this week. LCD is also on board and will be bringing the system on line as soon as they can train their dispatchers.
- RIT training in Torrington has been postponed until the fall.
- Service to Tanker 100 by Fleet masters has been completed still issues with retarder John H. cleaned valve but still not sure of its repair. Emergency repairs and replacement of the Brakes on Engine 90 has been completed. A proportioning valve was the cause of overheating as well as the hard brake linings. The front rims and tires were also replaced. The winch on Utility 50 is still out of service. A new mounting bracket for the suction strainer is on Engine 30. Thanks to the mechanics for the work on the minor maintenance issues and advice on repairs.
- The Studebaker is running thanks to D&R auto. Repair costs are unknown but its use was well received by the veterans. I am still limiting the driving of it due to existing issues with the breaking system. D&R has ideas for its repair and is getting the parts. My goal is to have it fully functioning for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the town.
- The old chairs were disposed of due to the poor condition of them. Would the house committee please look into the cost of purchasing more?
- The rope training is on schedule we have 16 signed up for area departments and six from ours. House committee is providing meals and snacks. Four instructors will be here due to the size of the class.
- We're hosting the LCCEP meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>. And need to provide a dinner for them; can the house committee come up with a meal for thirty?
- Aquarion Water Company is shutting down the water tower on Laurel way for the next two months for maintenance. This will affect the hydrant water supply in the center of town. The 60,000-gallon clear water tank at the reservoir is available gravity flow by passing the pumps down Mountain Road. Officers and members need to utilize alternative water sources for the hydrant district per plans.
- We received \$650.00 grant from Norfolk Connecticut Children's Foundation to send Adam T. to the Introduction for the Fire Service course in July.
- We received notice Christenant Estate of pending donation.
- Raffle tickets are available for sales please see Tyler M. for them. Lindell's donated the entire cost of the grill to the department. Once again they have given us a benefit of doing business with them.
- Parade season is upon us once again. Out of all the parades Tyler has selected ten parades to attend this year. We will also need approval for the \$125.00 fee for the state convention.

- The proposed budget for 2008 and 2009 was approved the Annual town Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> I answered a few questions on the capitol items. No questions were asked on our operating budget.
- I met with Shipman's fire equipment to begin pricing and ordering of next fiscal year's equipment.
- I met with Board of Education regarding the installation of extractor washer and training at the school. The Board was supportive of the fire department and its member's and training needs.
- Todd M. is planning the Family Picnic need to confirm dates and activities.

### **Wardens:**

- The 2 new Scott SCBA are in-service.
- The new 1¾ hose is in-service on the brush truck.
- The new hard strainer is mounted on Engine 30.

### **Training:**

- This month's training schedule will be posted and emailed.

### **Mechanics:**

- Engine 30's pump panel lights have been repaired and pump packings have been serviced. A damaged rear tire needs to be replaced.
- The tanker exhaust brakes were serviced.
- Engine 90's rims were painted.

### **Fire Police:**

- Thanks for assistance with the Memorial Day events.

### **Explorers:**

- The house number signs fundraiser continues.
- The Post members will assist with upgrading the town's emergency hygiene kits.
- The Post members purchased uniforms and are interested in FD t-shirts.

### **Old Business:**

- The road race committee awarded 6 scholarships and tuition for one explorer to attend the fire academy this summer.

- STEAP grant confirmation was received.
- The Badger wagon wheels need to be painted once they are repaired.
- A motion supported an amendment to the NVFD By-laws increasing the duties of the Board of Trustees.
- A motion supported an amendment to the NVFD By-laws changing the procedure by which by-laws are amended.
- All pending By-laws amendment proposals from the May meeting need to now be submitted to the Board of trustees.

**Building Committee:** The ground breaking on the ambulance building is scheduled for this month.

**Insurance:** The new VFIS insurance policy takes affect on 7/1.

**House:** Thanks to the house committee for the Memorial Day open house preparations.

**ATV Committee:** Please leave ticket stubs stapled together!

**New Business:**

- The Falls Village Fire Department will be requesting automatic mutual aid response to the top of Canaan Mountain. Water sources in the area were discussed.
- The fuel tank is now locked and can be unlocked with the firehouse key.
- Robert C. was accepted as a member and will be recommended to serve as fire police. Jeffery active B member application presented. Brian H. was reinstated as an A member.

Meeting adjourned: 8:37PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Paul Padua