

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 6, 2009

President Rowland Denny called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** to accept minutes of June 1, 2009 as corrected. (Spelling for Kochiss)

**Treasurer's Report**

**M/S/P** to accept the Treasurer's report. Spent 100% of 2008/09 budget.

**LCD**

No report

**Chief's Report:**

1. The final inspection trip was interesting to say the least despite some travel delays coming home; the review took a day and a half. Some issues were identified, the driver's seat was an air ride, the cord reel cables were all twist lock plugs and the tripod lights were the incorrect size. These will be corrected. The truck is at Fleet masters it arrived last Monday. Jim drove the transit bus for a group to take a ride out to see it. Thanks to Jim and the Selectmen for allowing us to use it. A donation was made to the transit district for its use. I went out his past Wednesday to oversee the radio installations and to check the loose equipment inventory. Several problems arouse however minor needed to be addressed. In addition to what was previously mentioned. The radio installers could not hook up the Knox box key to the radio, the deck gun did not have the correct mount for the extending gun, the front suction was ten feet long not six feet and had to be reordered, the strainer bracket was a bungee cord system, it has

not been mounted yet I asked them to hold off until the new six foot length of hard suction arrives and the truck committee can see for themselves the mounting issues and decide on how they want to see the strainer mounted. The correct amounts of hose and nozzles were in place. Class A foam was delivered to them from Shipman's so they can calibrate the system. Some inventory for the truck has arrived. We will be arranging the training from both Seagrave (two days) and Waterous (three days) as soon as we know the delivery date. Circuit breaker on light tower will be looked at and repaired. The best information I have so far is that the some above items will not be shipped until Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>, meaning delivery may not be until the end of next week or the beginning of the next, July 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2. We have received additional funding for another dry Hydrant. Ted Hinman has graciously volunteered to make the arrangements to have another installed. It is planned for now to have it installed at Whalen's property on route 44 across from the transfer station. We also have begun discussing Hoover Pond on Goshen East Street. Hoover pond is shallow on our side of the town line so I have asked Goshen Fire if they would like to make this a joint effort and install it on their side of the line. I will be meeting with them this month. We have several extra parts and should not have much of a cost.
3. M/S/P to apply for and receive a grant to install a dry Hydrant in town.
4. We received a matching funds grant for another air pack. Jim and I are looking into how to fund this purchase because we have to purchase it then get reimbursed.
5. M/S/P to receive the matching funds grant for another air pack.
6. Congratulations to Brianna Whalen for completing Fire Fighter I, Kelsey Hill for completing the introduction to the fire service, Dylan Mitchell and Tyler Marchi for completing MRT.
7. The 1937 Studebaker was delivered to Mike Mulville. A donation was received. The president was going to finish up the paperwork with Mike for the transfer of ownership. Mike intends to restore it and make it available to us for future events.

8. The turnout gear and the hooks have been removed from the “E60” wall. The gear was relocated to the entry wall. The effected members have been notified where their gear has been placed.
9. The Breathing Air Compressor has been plumbed for 4500 psi you now must regulate the pressure between 2400 and 4500 psi depending on the bottle type.
10. I would like to thank Jim for his diligent work as treasurer his persistence in closing last fiscal year paying what he could as we transferred into the new budget cycle.
11. The “E40 Wet down” is scheduled for the July 25<sup>th</sup> from 1pm until 3 pm. An open house for the town’s people and our neighboring department to welcome the engine into service. I have asked the Lions Club to assist us with the food service so our members and relax for a bit during the event. Jim estimates it should be about \$400.00 to purchase the food items. I have asked the Explorers to arrange for the food items to be picked up.
12. The June 14 Meadow brook drill was successful. A plan will be made available as soon as EMS finishes it. The June 22<sup>nd</sup> walk thru of Infinity Hall was well attended. Some changes to the Center of Town plan will be addressed at the next officers meeting 7/22 at 6:30 pm and be made to known as soon as some fire ground issues and hose lays are addressed.
13. As recommended by Bill Millard, the Fire Police “Emergency Scene” sign and “Stop/ slow” signs on poles were ordered from the budget. 25 traffic vests were ordered to be issued to each active member for per OSHA and DOT recommendations. A common sense approach to their use is needed. If you’re in traffic use them, if you’re protected from vehicular traffic then you can do without them.
14. To the members who assisted in the Rope Rescue at the Housatonic Falls: the members and officers of the departments you assisted have thanked you. Well done on a tough scene with a tragic ending.
15. Physicals have been scheduled for 7/20 and 7/27, sign up ASAP, if you can’t make those dates, call to schedule another time.
16. July 18 is the parade in Canaan and the fireworks. The parade is at 6:00 with the fireworks being set off from a different location (Foley’s Field). They want a stand-by engine and the

brush truck for the field the night of the fireworks. If both E90 and E40 go to Canaan, then Winchester will do stand-by in our firehouse.

### **Warden's Report:**

Speed lay on E30 will not reach into Meadowbrook kitchen. The parking deck pack is to be deployed with the high-rise pack.

### **Fire Police:**

Everything going well.

### **Explorers:**

The bottle collection project is over and done. Container will be removed. The blue reflective signs are up to date, if anyone takes an order for a sign, a phone number must accompany the order so that the customer can be contacted. Find out whether they want a pole or not. Cost is now \$30.00 for a sign and a pole.

### **Training:**

Monday, July 13 – Cleveland load for high-rise packs, pond across from Tim O'Connor has enough water (right now due to rain will check it again in fall)

July 20 and 27 – physicals at Concentra

July 20 – we are hosting the RIT on Bruey Road with Winsted, Lakeville, New Hartford and NVFD

July 25 – Wet-down

July 26 – Sunday drill

### **Mechanic's Report:**

No report

### **Correspondence:**

AKC fund sent us a check in support of our work

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Building Committee:**

mid to end of August, ground breaking should happen

**M/S/P** to ask the Selectman to leave the old Ambulance Barn after the new one is built for storage. 1 Abstain

- **Insurance Committee:**

No report

- **House Committee:**

Need more supplies

- **ATV Committee:**

Committee is looking into rescue bodies for the ATV

- **Wet Down Committee**

July 25 from 1 to 3 – Brian went over plans for the event

Lions Club will do the cooking so that NVFD members can participate in the event

**M/S/P** to spend up to \$400.00 for hot dogs, hamburgers, soda, water for the event

### **By-Law Committee**

Members are Paul, Judy, Jody, Arthur, and Rowland

They will have a report at the next meeting

### **Old Business:**

Two applications for membership that have been posted for 30 days:

Theresa Kochiss for General member, passed.  
John Allen for Associate member, passed.

**New Business:**

**M/S/P** for yearly audit will be conducted by Bob Pallone if cost exceeds \$500.00, Trustees will be contacted.

Membership application from Brandon Bosworth, for active B member, will be posted for 30 days.

Report for the annual financial review has been given to the Trustees.

Annual meeting will be held at Coon Club on Aug. 31.

Steak Dinner fund raiser to be held on Aug. 22.

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary