

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2009

President Rowland Denny called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

There were 26 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P to accept minutes of April 2009.

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report. Took in \$1,038.00 in donations. Have spent 93% of the current budget.

LCD

Elections were held, officers remain the same. 11 towns now have CAD. Voice recorder is working. Having a new dispatch review for EMD. Still waiting to hear from New Milford about them joining LCD. Talks have started again with Winsted. Protocol committee will be meeting on May 5, 2009 at the Dispatch center. Life star protocol will be discussed.

Chief's Report:

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1. Seagrave has set tentative dates for final inspection. May 28th and 29th or June 4th and 5th. Photos have been posted as to the progress of the build.
2. I have made the request to donate the Oren pumper to International Fire Relief Mission. The Mission replied to questions the Selectmen had regarding the donation. I hope to have the approval from the Selectmen this week.
3. Once again well done on the recent fire responses. Area responders have made positive comments.

4. The Construction at Infinity Hall has been completed. It has a high occupancy of 500 persons. We had walk thru scheduled, which was canceled. Awaiting Hall management to reschedule.
5. The LCD CAD is on line. It has been reviewed by the officers I have plans to review it with all of the mutual aid departments that are affected.
6. The Town meeting is scheduled for May 11th 7:30 pm. Please make an effort to attend.
7. The Tented Circus has been approved by the Selectmen Office it will be held at the ball field on Mountain Rd on Saturday July 11th. Pre show ticket sales and advertising will be coming soon.
8. The Thermal Imaging Camera is out of service for repair. Should be returned this week.
9. The valve on E30 has been repaired. Some sediment and trap rock was found in the pump housing and intake lines. Please use caution when drafting. Use float dock on suction strainers when possible to keep from drafting on waterway bottom.
10. The Benedict Pond Dry hydrant will be installed in the next two weeks. The Doolittle Lake Company has agreed to the joint memo send by the Selectmen's Office and the chief.
11. The Music Shed is under construction. They are replacing the Sprinkler and Fire Alarm systems, any responses to the Shed should be rapid since the systems may be compromised.
12. Matt Bell is working on an equipment list for the Seagrave when it arrives. We are trying to coordinate the arrival of needed accessories. One issue that has been noted is the need for a second intake valve. We had initially intended to utilize and old from E30 but with the increased in pump size and capacity to 1500 GPM it not reasonable to do so. I am requesting that the trustees approve the purchase of a second intake valve from the department's general funds. The cost is \$1,640.00. The other will be purchased with budgeted funds.

M/S/P with the trustees approval, the purchase of a second intake valve from the department's general funds. The cost is \$1,640.00

13. The appeal letter has continued to provide funding so with the approval of the trustees another new air pack was ordered.

Warden's Report:

Need to replace one length of 2 ½ hose, off of E30, burned through at the last fire. Will put through an insurance claim.

New LED flashlight will be ordered for inspection for use with Fire Police.

Fire Police:

Everything is fine!

Explorers:

Have been given an ultimatum on the cans, get them out of here or the program will be disbanded. They need help in getting the cans to the store. Will do food for Memorial Day, but will need help, there are only 3 members.

Training:

May 7 – Gilbert Prom Promise, asked to do station coverage at Noon
Lunch will be provided

May 9 – Colebrook is having an extraction drill – all day at Norfolk
Town Farm – let Matt L. know if you plan on attending

May 9 – Ladder testing at Falls Village

May 9 – Rabies Clinic here at Firehouse

May 11 - Town meeting

May 16-17 - Winsted hosting drill

May 18 drill – Cleveland load for forestry drill

May 23 – Clean up for Memorial Day

May 25 – Memorial Day activities
May 27 – Officers meeting

Mechanic's Report:

No report

Correspondence:

None

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:** supposed to be going out to bid, plans have been approved by Fire Marshall Office and Building Official
- **Insurance Committee:** none
- **House Committee:** none
- **ATV Committee:** being brought up under new business
- **New Truck Wet Down:** Possible date July 25

Old Business:

Studebaker – Steven looked into possible locations for the Studebaker, he spoke to many different museums, people to store it, and costs to restore it. The Conn. Fire Museum in Warehouse Point would take the Studebaker, as long as they owned the apparatus (we need to turn ownership over to them) we would have to pay ½ the cost of the towing by George to Warehouse Point. Cost of towing is \$300. We would pay \$150.00. Mike Mulville could be contacted to see if he could tow it for free.

M/S/ to turn ownership of Studebaker over to The Conn. Fire Museum in Warehouse Point.

M/S/P to table the motion to the next meeting.

In the meantime, the President will send a letter to the entire membership about the Studebaker situation

Vote on Membership Application for active A Membership for Nicholas Carrier, **passed**.

New Business:

M/S/P subject to trustee approval, the original two people will go to inspect the new truck and the department will pay for a third member to go

M/S/P to approve \$260.00 to purchase items for Memorial Day festivities at the Fire House.

Membership application received from Maribeth Weaver for active A Membership, will be voted on at next meeting

Jeff reported on need for ATV. Cost of \$9,600.00 purchased from New Boston Crane.

M/S/P to purchase ATV from New Boston Crane, using funds from ATV account for the cost of \$9,600.00

M/S/P to purchase an all aluminum open trailer from New Boston Crane, to transport the ATV to and from the scene. The cost is \$2,700.00 Use the remainder of ATV funds to purchase the trailer (\$600.) and use \$2,100.00 of department funds, pending trustee approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary

