

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2010

President Jody Zeller called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

There were 25 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Steven Hutchins, to accept minutes of May 3, 2010.

Treasurer's Report

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Steven Hutchins, to accept the Treasurer's report.

LCD

Plain language has started, NVFD will receive a disc that helps clarify it, about 10-12 minute disc. Still in negotiations with dispatchers. Talks going on with Torrington, Sherman tower going along. All towns will be July 1 for plain language. Burn permits – the burning official will post to a web site – takes effect now in Norfolk. Working with town of Litchfield for use of Everbridge. Need password. Daryl has signed up so NVFD can use the system. Will allow someone from NVFD to send text message to members with information. Moving to become an accredited dispatch center. Looking to add an additional channel to dispatch over.

Chief's Report:

Chief Report June 7, 2010

1. The Budget Passed as presented at the Town Meeting. Including the Stabilization Jacks as a capital expenditure.
2. The Pump Operator training has been completed. Thanks you to all who gave their time to train.

3. I met with the Town Foreman about the drainage issues in the rear of the building. He has offered to assist us to correct the drainage. Ron Zanobi has offered to oversee the project.
4. Joe Green has resigned as a member. If he is eligible I would ask we move him to the veterans list.
5. I met with DEP the Dry Hydrant at Benedict Pond was not properly installed. The Town crew will be doing drainage work in the area and will be assisting us in reinstalling and to raise the ground level and protect the area with stone to prevent the hydrant from freezing.
6. Thanks for all who came out to support the veterans on Memorial Day.
7. Thanks to all who helped with the road race, cooking and the bike race this past Sunday.
8. I would like to have us to consider meeting with Norfolk Ambulance before next year's Road Race to plan on EMS support for the event. Since we sponsor it every year we assume that EMS will provide adequate coverage for the event. It was apparent that our towns EMS was overwhelmed and we called in three our towns to assist with medical calls just from the race. Leaving our towns people without ambulance service of their own during our sponsored event.
9. A/C Ludwig has been working on an interior radio frequency for the North West area departments. We have requested LCD to assist with this issue. They have no resolution in the foreseeable future. The State has not granted us the preplanned use of the statewide frequencies. Our fire ground frequency any allows us with our radios to utilize it. I see several operational benefits to having another radio frequency the interior crews that we bring in mutual aid. For the cost of \$405.00 we can purchase another frequency that we can share with the area departments and allow interior fire operations to be on it. If we own the license then we can control its use. I have verbally gotten the agreement of the

some of the NW chiefs that they would assist in the cost if we felt it necessary.

10. M/S/P Matt Ludwig, John Hutchins to spend \$405. To purchase an additional frequency.
11. Officers meeting scheduled for June 28 at 6:00, Mr. Anderson will be present around 6:30 to discuss ideas for a new firehouse.
12. M/S/P Judy Ludwig, Rowland Denny to donate all plastic dishes in generator shed to the Ambulance.
13. M/S/P Richard Byrne, Ron Zanobi to ask officers and Council to make decision as to the purchase of the Everbridge system.

Warden's Report:

Look for a replacement hydrant wrench.

Fire Police:

Nothing

Explorers:

Nothing

Training:

June 14 – play at Whalen dry hydrant, water shuttle

June 21 – quarterly training for RIT in Winsted

June 28 – officers meeting

June 26/27 – Big E Fire show

Mechanic's Report:

Battery replaced on brush truck

Tanker went out, replaced exhaust brake, no other issues

E90 is out being repaired, did not find any additional rust in fenders so far. Getting ready for painting and refit.

A/C in E40 is not working in the cab, needs to be looked at before warranty runs out.

Don't leave pond water in any truck, should be drained out and replaced with hydrant water.

Correspondence:

Letter from Joe Green, resigning from the NVFD because of increased busy personal schedule.

Thank you letter from Marie Lowe who borrowed our table and chairs, made a donation to NVFD.

Committee Reports:

- **Building Committee:**

Waiting for programming of new locks, then ambulance will be moved over.

- **Insurance Committee:**

- **House Committee:**

Nothing

- **By-Law Committee**

By-Law 1 – written proof of passing FFI practical - passed

By-Law 2 – purchasing agent – passed

By-Law 3 – nominations – passed

By-Law 4 – meetings – M/S to amend by-law change and have annual meeting held on the last Monday of August. Voted down, Membership agreed to splitting the meeting from the dinner, but felt that the meeting should remain the same as is currently in the By-Laws, just will change the dinner date. This will take effect next year, 2011.

- **ATV Committee:**

Paul built a license plate holder

Discussion about purchasing a slide-in

M/S/P Rowland Denny, John Hutchins to find funding for the slide in basket

Old Business:

Road Race – good turn out, 299 runners

Gave out 6 scholarships of \$500.00 each

New Business:

Need more RAM in the laptop cost around \$100.00

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Judy Ludwig to purchase 2 GB of RAM for the Laptop.

Need new GPS systems for the brush truck and E90 – cost of \$150.00

M/S/P Paul Padua, John Hutchins to adjourn.

Judy Ludwig

NVFD Secretary