

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2022

President Paul Padua called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The President asked for a moment of silence for our past, deceased members.

There were 27 members present.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Dan Wuori to accept the Secretary's Report of March 7, 2022.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 89% of the Budget.

M/S/P Brian Hutchins, Kerry Yelsits to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Officers' Reports:

Chief's Report:

Weekly Training times: 6p at the FH, 6:15p lesson plan, 6:30p leaving or lesson beginning.

-Car 20 & Officers

-Crews did a great job at the Lakeville structure fire. Tanker shuttled 1 load, Hutch assisting with the dump site, and RIT/interior crews went to work with aggressive overhaul.

-Drivers: Still muddy out there. Stay off grassy shoulders and driveways that aren't solid.

-Mountain Rd. is closed by Litchfield Rd. for the bridge replacement.

-Monday night drill attendance, primarily the equipment inspection was not well attended last week. Many hands make light work versus the 3 members that did truck checks last week. Members get upset and are quick to judge when equipment fails to perform or isn't ready to go in an emergency. Monthly checks by all prevents this.

-Quad confidence class will happen as the weather turns nice. 2-hour weekend slots will be posted and text out to all. weekdays possible too if you let C1 know.

-Reminder of the Live burn on Saturday, April 30th 8-12n. Leaving NVFD at 7:45a

-Joint NVFD/NLCA meetings are going to start back up. Sunday, May 1st at 12:30p at EMS HQ.

-EMR class in Pleasant Valley being offered this summer. See C1 if interested.

-June 22 & 23 is the New England fire show at the DCU in Worcester, Mass

-We were reimbursed \$2500 from the DEEP matching funds grant for the Ram XD on E90 and the 2 Jaffrey valves for engine 30.

Training:

Live burns & Fire school nights have been scheduled, please mark your calendars
VFIS Emergency Vehicle Driver Training Program on May 12-13, 2022, at *the Litchfield County Regional Fire Training School in Torrington, CT.*

Important Dates:

- Monday, April 11th 6p - NVFD Drill
- Monday, April 18th 6p - NVFD Drill with NLCA
- Monday, April 25th 6p - Apparatus/Equipment Inspection & Officer meeting
- Saturday, April 30th 8a-12n - "Norfolk" Live Burn at the Fire School
- Sunday, May 1st 12:30p - NVFD/NLCA Joint meeting.
- Monday, May 2nd 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting
- Monday, May 30th - Memorial Day Parade & Road Race
- Saturday, June 4th (16:00-17:30) Arthur Rosenblatt's celebration of life on the town green.
- Thursday, June 9th 2p Botelle School evacuation drill
- Monday, June 13th 6:30p - "Norfolk" Theatrical smoke at the Fire School
- July 13-16th - North Canaan Railroad Days & Carnival
- Saturday July 16th 6p - North Canaan Parade & Fireworks Stand-by
- Monday, August 15th 6:30p - "Norfolk" Theatrical smoke at the Fire School
- Saturday, September 17th 12n-4p - "Norfolk" Live Burn at the Fire School
- Monday, October 17 6:30p - "Norfolk" Chimney fires at the Fire School

M/S/P Ted Hinman, Mike Fox to spend \$100.00 for refreshments for the live burn, to come from Department funds.

M/S/P Ted Hinman, John DeShazo to spend \$60.00 for refreshments for the joint ambulance meeting at the Ambulance barn, to come from Department funds.

Car 2:

Ordered some equipment, came in incorrect, 50% is correct, had to be sent back, waiting for return shipment.

Car 3:

Center of town pre-plan will be later this summer, working on a date.

Walk through of Arcanum building is possibility. Sprinkler system going into the building in 3-5 weeks.

Jon has ideas for drill nights.

April 9, 10, 11, programs at the Hub and Library to support Ukraine.

Car 4:

Next week drill, cutting up cars at Town Farm.

Kudos to Dylan for a great job in Canaan last week at Specialty Minerals fire.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Chief has rearranged EMS compartment on trucks. Thanks for large turnout early morning for an ambulance call.

April 18, joint practice with the Ambulance, on Mountain Road, the closed section.

Fire Marshall:

When the sprinklers are put in on the Arcanum building the second floor will not have any water during construction time

Mechanics:

E30 had problems with alternator, has been corrected. E30 & E40 when you put the air brakes on, they lock up.

Cadets:

No Reports

LCD:

No meeting

Committee Reports

- House Committee

Chili will be served at the May monthly meeting.

- Fund Raising

No Report

- Insurance Committee

No Report

- Building Committee

Meeting tomorrow night, April 5, 2022.

Ken requested that a letter be sent to the Town indicating our interest in using some of the federal funding towards the new firehouse.

M/S/P Ken Ludwig, Thalyia Newman, to send a letter to the Selectmen, the Board of finance, and the advisory committee requesting use of some of the federal funds towards the new firehouse.

Steven would like someone to go to the town to make sure what funds are appropriate for the firehouse.

- Anniversary Committee

Will meet in April, date TBD.

- Road Race Committee

Correspondence:

Thanks from Roger Miller thanking us for responding, included a donation.

Old Business:

Friday Night on the Green request. Paul would like to set up a committee, Mike Listorti will be chair, Daryl, and Thalyia, Ted, John DeShazo, Tobin DeShazo will serve on the committee. Anyone else interested, see Mike.

June 4, 2022, will be Celebration of Arthur Rosenblatt on the Town Green. Paul will be making comments, if you have memories of Arthur, please let Paul know.

New Business:

Above and Beyond recognition, the council and officers will meet monthly to determine who will receive the gift cards.

First recipient will be Anita Turner since she is the one who organized the return of bottles and cans which is funding this recognition.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary