

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Nov. 7, 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, most recently Donna Wheeler.

There were 25 members present.

**Secretary's Report**

**M/S/P** Brian Hutchins, Matt Ludwig to accept the Secretary's Report of Oct. 3, 2022.

**Treasurer's Report**

We are at 33% of the Budget.

**M/S/P** Brian Hutchins, Matt Ludwig, 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 4 has trainings this month. SCBA FIT testing on Monday the 14th. Required for interior members

-Gasoline tanker rollover. Fantastic job by everyone. I cannot thank everyone enough for everything you did. Clean-up will be ongoing for a longtime. An After-action meeting will be announced after all the paperwork is completed. Most likely after January.

-Excellent work by everyone at the center of town drill. Everyone had their task and executed them very well. Learned a lot of our capabilities and where we need to revise things. In all we were able to maintain 4,080GPM and used approx. 150,000 gallons from 5 hydrants. Water tank drawn down from 52.9' to 37.4"

-I'm working with Paul and the ambulance on the incentive program to present the selectmen the new allotment as amended by the state in 2019

-Medical release forms need to be submitted to transfer last year's Concentra records to AFC. They were emailed, put them in the chiefs box when completed.

-Everyone does a good job. Just my annual reminder to make sure the doors are closed when it's cold out to save heating oil

-Annual appeal: **Motion** to send to print for December 1st. Same request as last year with a thank you to the residents for their understanding of our operations during the tanker rollover

-To assist with communications the Assistant EMD Jon Barbagallo will have a portable designation, Car 11. The EMD Richard Byrne is car 10

-We donated 8 expired SCBA bottles, old gear, and misc. unused equipment to the Ukraine FD thru Woodbury FD.

-Bantam FH "Step up & Lead" seminar. Saturday, Feb 25th 8:30a-3p. Contact C1 if interested. \$50 dept funded, Lunch included.

-Saturday, March 25th 8a-4:30p HVRHS "Pride and Ownership, a firefighters love for the job" speaker Chief Rick Lasky. \$65pp dept will pay. See C1 if interested.

**Important Dates:**

-Saturday, November 12th 8p-12m Karaoke night

-Monday, November 14th - Annual SCBA flow test with MES

-Monday, November 14th 6:30p - SCBA FIT Testing & NVFD Drill

-Monday, November 21st 6p - NVFD Drill

-Saturday, November 26th 12n - Decorate E30 for tree lighting

-Saturday, November 26th 5:30p - 6p Town Tree lighting

-Monday, November 28th 6p- NVFD Equipment Inspection, Officer Meeting

-Saturday, December 3rd 7a-11a Breakfast with Santa at the Chapel

-Sunday, December 4th - Lakeville parade of lights

-Monday, December 5th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting

-Saturday, December 17th - 5p Winsted Gator Parade

-Sunday, December 18th 6p - NLCD/NVFD Christmas party

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Thalyia Byrne, to print last year's letter, with current dates, for Annual Appeal to go towards General funds as there are many projects we are working on. This will be mailed on Dec. 1, 2022.

The Annual Appeal letter will also be put on the NVFD Facebook page.

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Mike Listorti to turn the cellular, phone/text feature on, for one iPad so that the department can accept Venmo payments, this will increase the monthly cellular bill by \$5.00.

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, Dan Wuori to authorize \$500.00 for seed money for the Breakfast with Santa, to come from department funds.

Fantastic job done by everyone on the gas tanker roll over incident, and the continued work that will be necessary.

**Car 2:**

Anybody that had stuff ordered, it should be in by the end of the month, i.e.: name plates, boots, etc.

Thanks to everyone who has been helping, if you are driving a department vehicle, please drive safely and respectfully.

Above and Beyond Reward goes to Martyn Banks for selling raffle tickets everywhere!

**Car 3:**

Nov. 14, 2022, FIT testing will be starting at 18:00, there will also be training with Car 4.

Good job everyone on the tanker/gas spill incident.

**Car 4:**

Good job with town drill and gas tanker roll over incident.

**Car 5:**

No Report

**Car 6:**

Good job everyone.

**Car 7:**

Good job everyone

**EMS Captain:**

Thanks to everyone who worked the incident.

**Public Information Officer:**

Busy 3 days, right now the plan is to keep Rt. 44 closed until weekend, opening to be determined. May resort to one way traffic with traffic lights.

Chief thanked Jon Barbagallo for a fantastic job keeping the community informed.

**Fire Marshall:**

Thanks to the House Committee for food and refreshments during the incident.

**Mechanics:**

Used hose ramps for the first-time, burned-out town diesel transfer tank, need to fix deck gun release on E40.

## **Cadets:**

No Report

## **LCD:**

No Report

## **Committee Reports:**

- **House Committee:**

**M/S/P** Steve Hutchins, Justin Zarzycki for \$250.00 to replenish supplies.

- **Fund Raising:**

Many breast cancer shirts were sold, still some larger sizes left. Thanks to Ashley and Theresa for organizing.

Karaoke this Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at the Pub from 8-12. Still need raffle donations.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **By-Law Committee**

To change Active A Membership qualifications:

By-laws now state you must pass FFI practical exam. New By-laws would state that you must get FFI Certification. By-laws need to be changed in three places as shown below.

### **Section 1.1.1 Active A Members**

**Old Language:** Shall pass the Connecticut State Fire Fighter I practical exam.

**New Language:** Shall show proof of FFI certification.

### **Section 1.1.2 Active B Members**

**Old Language:** Shall be able to move to Active A status by passing the State of Connecticut Fire Fighter I practical.

**New Language:** Shall be moved to active A status upon showing proof of Connecticut FFI certification.

### **Section 1.5 New Members**

**Old Language:** For Active A Membership, shall be given one year to enroll and two years to pass the practical test for Firefighter I and provide written evidence thereof per NVFD form.

**New Language:** Active A members shall show proof of FFI certification or be given one year to enroll and two years to show proof of Connecticut FFI certification

- **Brush Tank Committee**

Still looking for a chassis

- **Building Committee**

Selectmen discussed that it is still in Planning and Zoning about moving wetlands to another area. It is still moving forward and on track.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Raffle is ongoing, winners being drawn each evening during the week, not on the weekend. Have made around \$4600.

**Correspondence:**

Thank you notes with donation.

Thank you note for our donation to Winsted Auxiliary.

**Old Business:**

Vote on 2 By-law amendment changes presented and posted last month.

**M/S/P** John DeShazo, Justin Zarzycki to end C member classification and grandfather those who are currently Active C members. Current Active C members are: John Hutchins, Todd Miller, Paul Padua, and Al Preece.

**M/S/P** Matthew Ludwig, John DeShazo to delete US Mail section

IceBox logo for the trucks is in process.

Got confirmation that the tanker, completion of build will be before Christmas 2022. Delivery will probably be after the first of the year.

**New Business:**

Fire Danger is high today, and due to situation in town, there will be NO open burning in town.

Be here for 6 tomorrow, breakfast and lunch will be at the Berkshire Store, billed to the town.

Haz-mat material is sufficient. Storm potential on Friday.

**M/S/P** John DeShazo, Matt Ludwig to adjourn at 8:08

Judy Ludwig  
NVFD Secretary