

Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 1, 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 28 members present.

Jon Barbagallo introduced the co-chairpersons Lisa Atkins and Libby Bordon of the Norfolk Foundation who spoke about the history of the Norfolk Foundation and their 5-point strategic plan for the future. Their principal objective is to help wherever they can with needs and challenges in Norfolk. It's what Norfolk needs, not what the Foundation needs.

Secretary's Report

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Sandy Evans to accept the Secretary's Report of Sept. 12, 2022.

Treasurer's Report

We are at 27% of the Town Budget.

M/S/P Dan Wuori, Justin Zarzycki 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.

- Cars 1,2,3. Monday the 17th chimney fires at the academy
- Recent CPR call. Mike L, Casey, Barbagallo, Padua. Excellent work from start to finish. Happy to report that the patient is back home and recovering due to everyone's efforts
- River place bridge repair in October. we'll park E30 there for the day for fire protection.
- We we're awarded the D.E.E.P. 50/50 grant. 800' of 3" and 250' of 2" hose on order.
- E40 High-rise pack 7/8" Smoothbore nozzle on order.
- House number sign increase. Passing along inflation. now \$25, poles \$15
- Halloween detail from 5p-7p. Sandy offered to cook
- Replacement ID tags. Message C1 if you need a replacement

-Sunday October 9th Tour de Forest. FP needed at crossing from the green, in front of the library, to the center of town and the crossing from Shepard Road to Westside Road. 2 people needed. Mike L & Martyn will be there

-Fire prevention week, Oct 9-15. Botelle school Wednesday 12th 9a. Assistance is needed.

-North Canaan Strategy & Tactics Class Tuesdays and Thursdays in October, 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th. 7p to 10p

-Oct 17th drill is chimney fires at the academy

Important Dates:

-October 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th 7p to 10p - N. Canaan Strategy & Tactics Class

-Sunday, October 9th 9:45a- Tour de forest bike race traffic control

-Monday, October 10th 6p - NVFD Drill

-Wednesday, Oct 12th 9a - Fire Prevention at Botelle

-Sunday, October 16th 8a - Center of town mutual aid drill

-Monday, October 17 6:30p - "Norfolk" Chimney fires at the Fire School

-Monday, October 24th 6p - NVFD Equipment Inspection, Officer Meeting

-Monday, October 31st 5p-7p Halloween Detail

-Monday, November 7th 7p - NVFD Monthly Meeting (Pizza from LRB)

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

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

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

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

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

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Justin Zarzycki for \$175.00 for hot dogs and candy for Halloween, to come from department funds.

Car 2:

Engine 40 is almost done with service will be brought back and Engine 90 will be going out for service.

Car 3:

No Report

Car 4:

Good job done by everyone at Fire School for the live burn.

Car 5:

No Report

Car 6:

No Report

Car 7:

No Report

EMS Captain:

Need to purchase an additional set of pads, as they were used. Will be purchased out of Town Budget.

Thanks to everyone who is showing up for assistance at EMS calls.

Public Relations Officer:

Drill on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at 8:00, there will be about 50 people attending, mutual aid companies.

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Ted Hinman to spend up to \$600.00 for 50 sandwiches for the drill on Sunday, pending Trustee approval.

Fire Marshall:

Fire prevention Wed. Oct. 12, 9:00 am to head to Botelle School, bags need to be stuffed prior to the event.

Mechanics:

No report

Cadets:

Rules of operation from the state have changed, Cadets now can do more as long as an adult firefighter is present and instructing. This is to get more volunteers when the Cadets turn 18.

LCD:

No Meeting

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee:**

No report

- **Fund Raising:**

Karaoke will happen on Nov. 12, 2022, 8-midnight at the Pub. DJ is available.

M/S/P Todd Miller, Ted Hinman to hold the breakfast with Santa, it will be at the the chapel, on the first Saturday, December 3, 2022

Breast Cancer shirts are available, good sales on the Farmer's Market, Martyn is selling them at Norbrook, and also looking for someone to man a table at the Little Red Barn on Oct. 8 to sell the shirts.

- **Insurance Committee**

No Report

- **Brush Truck Committee**

Need to have a meeting

- **Building Committee**

Proposal is moving through P&Z and wetlands to make sure the plan is good.

- **Anniversary Committee**

Raffle tickets are available for the cash calendar. Each person who buys a ticket has 30 chances to win. Raffle will be for the month in November. Last day to sell tickets is Oct. 31, 2022.

- **By-Law Committee**

Two By-law change proposals were presented by the Trustees and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Proposal #1

Current Wording

A6 Section 7.2

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- Nominations for office will be submitted to the Nominations Committee on forms provided by the Committee.
- The Nominations Committee will then determine the candidates for each office and propose these names to the membership for election at the Annual Meeting.
- Members shall receive, **by U.S. Mail**, a nomination form provided by the Committee to propose their choice of candidates by July 1.
- Completed nomination forms shall be placed in a locked box, located at the Fire House by July 21.
- Nomination results will be posted at the firehouse and on-line by August 15.
- Any member who receives one nomination for a position shall be brought up for a second during the election process.

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Proposal #2

Current Wording

A3 Section 1.1.3 Active C Members:

- **Any person who has ten or more years of active A or B service with the NVFD, may request, in writing, to be placed on Active C membership status.**
- Can respond to all emergency and non-emergency calls when available.
- Are exempt from Article VII, Section 6.
- Shall not serve as Line Officer, except EMS Captain position.
- May hold Executive Officer positions.
- May vote for Executive Officers, Line Officers and Staff Officers.
- Shall not be allowed in an involved structure.

Proposed New Wording

A3 Section 1.1.3 Active C Members:

- **NVFD will no longer accept members into the Active C Membership classification. Current C Members as of the amendment date will be grandfathered and maintain their Active C Membership. Upon acceptance of the amendment to the By-Laws, the Council will report and record the Active C Members in the monthly meeting minutes.**
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Correspondence:

Thank you note for our responding so quickly at 4:30 am, with a \$250.00 donation.

M/S/P Steven Hutchins, Ted Hinman to donate \$250.00 to the Auxiliary in Winsted, to come from department funds.

M/S/P Matthew Ludwig, Todd Miller to donate \$250.00 to the Connecticut Burns Care Foundation to come from department funds.

Old Business:

Ice Box logo with the Abominable Snowman, cost would be \$505.00 for decals for E20, E30, E40, E90

100 Smaller Logos stickers will cost

125 Magnets will cost

M/S/P Matt Ludwig, Todd Miller to \$1256.50 to purchase large decals for trucks, 100 smaller logo stickers, and 125 refrigerator magnets. Money to come from department funds.

New Business:

Tree Lighting will be Nov 26, 2022 at the town green with hot chocolate, donut holes, candy canes.

M/S/P Todd Miller, Justin Zarzycki to hold annual tree lighting on Nov. 26, 2022.

This Saturday at Little Red Barn Brewers will be the hot pepper eating contest, proceeds to go to Cancer Foundation, they will be borrowing 6 of our tables, looking to see if we can sell our Cancer tee shirts at the event, and they will be donating pizza for our November meeting.

Steven requested Gatorade to keep on the trucks, either bottles or powder packets to help replace electrolytes. House Committee will look into this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.

Judy Ludwig
NVFD Secretary