

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, July 13, 2021

Date: July 13, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Chairman Katherine Rathbun

Committee members present: Katherine Rathbun, Michael Noel

Others present: Russ Fowler (Water Superintendent), Charlie Chaffee (Fire Marshal), David Steel (Fire Chief), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (Clerk)

II. Public Comments

Dave Campbell of Cove Street questioned the boulders placed at the bottom of Riverview Avenue. He wanted to know why they were put there. Katherine Rathbun said the owner had been asked to removed them but refused to do so. The Town of Groton is handling the issue.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting June 8, 2021 with a slight change passed..

IV. Reports of District Officials

David Steel reported for the Fire Department. They had 25 Medical calls and 11 other calls in June. The air packs were checked out. The water tank level gauge on the Pierce pumper has been replaced. The 10 gallons of AFFF that is being replaced has been picked up. The DEEP is working on how to recover the AFFF that is in the tanks on the fire apparatus. The reconstruction of the firehouse ramp will be started shortly. It will be made of high strength concrete. The original plan for the bridge replacement is back in place. The bridge will not be removed and replaced in one piece.

Charlie Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal Report. All monthly testing was performed. Chaffee attended a Fatal Fire course. Mike Noel asked about whether STR properties will require inspections.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. There were 16 CBYD calls in June. They were all routine. They have been spending time at 25 Campbell Road. The hydrant extension at 16 Crosswinds has been completed. They are in the process of flushing hydrants. They are short on manpower so no flow testing has been done. There is a 4 year cycle for flow testing – Russ would like to keep the schedule going.

Six permits were issued by the ZEO in the month of June.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. She created the quarterly interest bills for the property owners who have not paid the 2021 bill. She is preparing for the annual audit.

V. Communications

- The complaint from a homeowner regarding Main Street house was discussed. A meeting is scheduled between neighboring homeowners and the managers of Main Street House. Nancy Gilmore will check on the outcome of the meeting.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- The tree planting at Noank School was discussed. Bill Mulholland needs to be consulted about any necessary permits required.
- A discussion of a potential web-site for the Noank Fire District ensued. It is not budgeted for 2021-2022. Nancy Gilmore will look for any available grants for upgrading our technology.

VIII. Other Business

- Russ Fowler is looking at retirement within the next couple of years. He will be tough to replace. There are certain certifications required. Russ thinks it should be someone in the community.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk