

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT  
10 WARD AVENUE  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, September 14, 2021**

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Acting Chairman Katherine Rathbun. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Chairman Frank Socha.

Committee members present: Katherine Rathbun, Michael Noel

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

**II. Public Comments**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 10, 2021 as presented passed.

**IV. Reports of District Officials**

David Steel reported for the Fire Department. They had 27 Medical calls, 3 hazmat calls, 5 service calls and 11 other calls in August. The chief is looking for prices to replace the flashing light bar on the G-46. It is expected it will cost between \$2500 and \$3000. The chief has made an agreement with the Mystic Fire Department to send an engine if there is a structure fire call on the NW side of the tracks during the bridge replacement project. They went to Old Mystic and trained with them on car propane fires. Some additional training is coming up at the Sub Base on submarine fires and familiarization of the boats and the drydock. The work on the ramp in front of the firehouse came out perfectly.

Charlie Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal Report. All monthly testing was performed. A car fire at The Fisherman was investigated. There was minor damage. The Bartelli estimate for the annual sprinkler testing was \$1905. Chaffee has ordered the fire prevention material. They will try to set up the open house outdoors, possibly in the park.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. There were 11 CBYD calls in August. They have been spending time identifying lots which still have wells. They have 2 properties left to check. Congregate flushing occurred on time. The meter reads were as expected. They are reviewing the ESA Service Area Map. There are downed trees at the Water Company garage. There are meter pit doors requiring welding. The job should be done by Bilco.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer issued 9 permits in August. A list of properties advertising on the vacation websites is being gathered. A cease and desist order will be sent within 2-3 weeks. It will be difficult to keep track. A question was raised about what effect a Town of Groton ruling on STR will have on Noank. It was decided it would not effect Noank.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. She submitted a debt report. \$50,000 will be paid as this year's contribution from the Fire District to the Fire Truck Fund.

**V. Communications**

**VI. Old Business**

The issue of a website was discussed. A motion (MN/KR) to contact Courtney Moore of CMB Creative Group and tell her we would like her to proceed passed.

The situation of the boulders on Riverview Avenue were discussed again. Mike Noel reported the town is working on it. The new owner has a done a new survey.

**VII. New Business**

None

**VIII. Other Business**

The issue of the hazardous turn from Terrace Avenue to Marsh Road was discussed. The white wall at the entrance of Marsh Road poses a risk. David Steel said it is private property so there is nothing that can be done without the owner's consent.

It was decided to continue paying Zoom on a monthly basis in case Zoom meetings are required in the future.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore  
Noank Fire District Clerk