

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, October 12, 2021

Date: October 12, 2021

Time: 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Acting Chairman Michael Noel

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

Zell Steever spoke about the boulders on Riverview Avenue blocking public access for fishing and parking. He is concerned about access to public waters. He stated that once you lose it it is gone forever. He does not fully understand what the homeowner and the Town of Groton are proposing. He feels the Fire District should look into what is going on there. Dave Campbell stated it has always been an open section. He said the property was turned over to the town somewhere between 1938 and the 1950's. Mike Noel said he will contact the Town Manager. Zell Steever worries the property owner could put in a dock the way things stand now.

Larry Dunn said there are funds for planting Noank Gardens. Larry will keep us informed.

Peter Drakos asked if there was any update on Spicer House. The Fire District did not have any updates. Mike Noel will reach out to Mark Berry.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting September 14, 2021 with minor corrections passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

David Steel reported for the Fire Department. They had 1 Structural Fire, 19 Medical calls and 23 other calls in September. They replaced the light bar on G-46. All hose, ladders, and apparatus pumps had their annual test on October 11. There is some pipe leaking on G-41 which will be repaired. G-46 is going to Noank Service Center on Thursday for lube, oil, and brake adjustment.

David Steel gave the Fire Marshal Report. All monthly testing was performed. The Fire Company decided not to have the open house.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. There were 13 CBYD calls in September. Copper/lead testing was done during the month. There was one high result. Bilco has not yet done the repairs. The notice regarding the slightly

elevated sodium level in the water will be put on the website. There are still no Mosher Ave Bridge drawings available. The Mystic River Congregate hydrant is getting flushed every week. The Water Company needs to provide an inventory of parts available to help other water companies. An email will be sent out regarding closure of part of Rte 215 when the beams are moved from Esker Point.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer issued 7 permits in September.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report.

V. Communications

VI. Old Business

The issue of boulders on Riverview Ave was discussed. Paul Bates brought a map. He brought up the fact that the proposed land swap would involve increasing and decreasing two non conforming properties. Paul Bates suggested asking the town to have a community public meeting to discuss the proposal. Mike Noel said he thought the land swap looks reasonable. He suggested asking for conditions on the swap. Mike Noel will contact John Burt regarding this issue.

A discussion followed about the planting of trees at the Noank Gardens park. They will be planting the first 11 trees. A limited number of trees are planned.

Mike Noel is trying to get regularly scheduled Park Commission meetings scheduled.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk