

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

Date: December 14, 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), David Steel (Fire Chief), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (Clerk)

II. Public Comments

None

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 12, 2021 with minor corrections passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

David Steel reported for the Fire Department. In November they received 23 calls, 9 Medical and 14 Other. The symposium he attended in Florida was very informative. There was information on firefighter safety and health, including mental health. Recruitment and retention of members as well as the decline of volunteers was also discussed. There was an issue with air packs due to a bad batch of batteries damaging the battery compartments. That has been resolved.

Nancy Gilmore gave the Fire Marshal Report. All inspections of the building have been completed. 937 Groton Long Point Road had some inspection violations which are in the process of being taken care of. Chaffee attended a two day seminar at Rocky Hill of IAAI and an online OEDM.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. There were 13 CBYD calls in November. There is no update on an estimated completion date for the Mosher Avenue Bridge. There was an emergency CBYD call for 12 Riverview Avenue. The DPH is requesting spring results from copper lead testing. The meter readings did not turn up any problems. The Cedar Lane hydrant was not securely closed. They would like to do leak testing on Marsh Road since the road has been subjected to heavier traffic and is in bad shape. Russ will attend a training course on 1/26/2022. He is looking to retain his certification. There is a request to run the water line in further on Lighthouse Overlook and add a hydrant.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer issued 7 permits in November.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. All is good but the balances for the Water Company are quite low. She would like to get the water bills out before the end of December in hopes of getting some payments during January.

V. Communications

VI. Old Business

The boulders on Riverview Avenue were discussed. The property is currently being resurveyed.

The Spicer House (Parks and Recreation) property was discussed. Parks and Recreation will not be moving to the old Fitch Middle School in the near future due to costly upgrades. The Spicer Avenue house will be scraped and painted in the spring.

VII. New Business

Water Rates for 2022 were discussed. It was decided it is necessary to increase the rates by 10 percent in order to meet expenses.

VIII. Other Business

Katherine proposed Michael Noel be appointed chairman of the Executive Committee. Both committee members agreed to the proposal.

Ollie Porter asked about upgrading Main Street. Mike Noel said he would contact the TOG and get back to him.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk