

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT  
10 WARD AVENUE  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, February 8, 2022**

Date: February 8, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

**I. Call to order**

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

Committee members present: Katherine Rathbun, Michael Noel, David Steel

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

**II. Public Comments**

None

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion (Steel/Rathbun) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 11, 2022 as presented passed.

**IV. Reports of District Officials**

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In January, they received 23 calls, 13 Medical and 10 Other. On January 30, 95 hydrants were cleared. A motion (Rathbun/Steel) to appoint Eric Knobloch as Training Officer passed. The pinning ceremony for Michael Gale will take place at the firehouse on February 19 at 11 AM. Michael will be inviting a few family members and friends. Cake and refreshments will be served.

Charlie Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal Report. All inspections of the building have been completed. Chaffee has been certified as an Open Burning Official. He has attended on line classes for EMS. He attended a tank removal at 8 Potter Court. There was an issue with the management at 201 Elm Street regarding the necessity of obtaining approval from each tenant for inspection. It was decided to get a letter from MRH saying it was okay to inspect without approval from each individual tenant.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. Service has been shut off at 93 Pearl Street. Russ and Frank will be attending a course in March. There was a water emergency at 20 Spicer Avenue where the owners were not home and the pipes froze. There was a complaint about foamy water at Apt1 at MRH. The water was tested and the results were fine. There still is no ETA for the Mosher Avenue Bridge. Russ will be handling the application for the Memorial Day Parade. He will have two plans – one for bridge open and one for it closed. Aquarian would like to meet with the Noank Water Company. The committee was reminded Noank Water Company has a ten year agreement with Groton Utilities. The need

to be prepared for Russ' retirement was discussed. It was decided to see if anyone at Groton Utilities would be interested.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer issued 12 permits in January.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. There was nothing unusual to report. The zoning expenses are running a little high. She has run a second billing for trash.

**V. Communications**

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Other Business**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore  
Noank Fire District Clerk