

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

Date: March 8, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Michael Noel.

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

Others present: 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 February 8, 2022 as presented passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In February, they received 25 calls, 1 Fire, 13 Medical and 11 Other. They responded to propane tanks being knocked over on Pearl Street. They received 13 cases of COVID tests from Windsor. A mutual aid agreement has been established with the Sub Base.

Charlie Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal Report. All inspections of the building have been completed. He did the inspections at 205 Elm Street. He attended a 2 day class and online EMS courses. The incident from last month regarding inspections at 201 Elm Street has been resolved.

Frank Lewis reported for the Water Company. There were 10 CBYD calls during February. He and Russ took as class at ATCAVE. All documents requested by Aquarion have been turned over to them with the exception of the financials. They met with Aquarion. Katherine Rathbun stated we should not go too deep with Aquarion without first discussing with Groton Utilities. David Steel brought up the issue of extra charges from both Groton Utilities as well as Aquarion for hydrant rentals. Mike Noel requested Russ Fowler and Frank Lewis to look at each system to see what they will charge. A new valve at the corner of Church and Front street is needed. It will be replaced at the end of the summer and will require the area to be without water for up to one day. The compensation of Russ Fowler will be reviewed in order to evaluate for hiring a replacement.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer issued 16 permits in February.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. There was nothing unusual to report. The donation to Mystic River Ambulance has not been made this year.

V. Communications

The potential leasing of the Spicer House was discussed. It has been reported the Groton Parks and Recreation Department is about 2 years away from being able to move to the old Fitch Middle School. The Noank Fire District is looking into options. The deed must be analyzed before any potential plans by the Fire District are explored. It is requested that the Noank Historical Society send someone to the next Executive Committee Meeting to discuss interest in pursuing use of the property.

A resident has requested the Executive Committee change the meeting night since it often conflicts with the Town Council. Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month is in our by-laws and the Executive Committee has no plans to change the meeting night at this time.

Katherine Rathbun brought up the conditions on Marsh Road and how to get the town to act on improving them. It was suggested the Executive Committee go around and take pictures of the state of disrepair.

VI. Old Business

The boulders on Riverview were discussed. They have been relocated and there is currently room for two vehicles to park. Mike Noel will contact the Town Manager to request signs regarding the public parking and property usage.

VII. New Business

The budget meeting date was set for April 20th at 7:00PM.

VIII. Other Business

The Executive Committee will look into installing a new quieter air conditioning system in the meeting room. David Steel will talk to the contractor at 205 Elm Street regarding the system there.

Paul Bates will get an estimate for painting the trim at the Sylvan Street museum.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk