

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT  
10 WARD AVENUE  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, April 12, 2022**

Date: April 12, 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: Michael Gale (Fire Chief), Charlie Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Russ Fowler (Water Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (Clerk)

**II. Public Comments**

James Furlong of 57 Fishtown Lane read a proposal to extend town water to Fishtown Lane and Little Gull Lane. There are 18 houses which are served by wells. He presented a list of the issues with having wells instead of town water, including bacteria, septic problems and chemicals in the water. The houses were built after town water was installed. The committee thanked him for his presentation.

Katie Blacker made a request for approval from the Executive Committee to create a student project to label the storm drains which go directly into the surrounding waters to have signs and notices put on them. The Executive Committee agreed it was an excellent idea.

Liz Raisbeck asked the Executive Committee to put \$5,000 into the next budget towards the Noank School Park. The Executive Committee will address the issue at the budget meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion (Rathbun/Steel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 8, 2022 as presented passed.

**IV. Reports of District Officials**

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In March they had 2 fires, 15 EMS calls and 5 Other Calls. The firehouse door needs to be fixed. He will contact Overhead Door. He attended the NLCFC meeting.

Charlie Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal Report. All inspections of the building have been completed. He did inspections at 145 Pearl Street, 11 Ward Ave, 201 Elm Street, 19-21 Terrace Ave, and 271 Elm Street. There no real issues. They will hold the Open House in October. He is attending an EMS refresher course.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. Most of their time has been spent on the bridge. The leak on Mosher Avenue used 93,000 gallons of water. A bill will be submitted. They are planning leak tests on Marsh Road, Ward Avenue and Mosher Ave. The Bilco door parts are in. They are presently looking for a welder

who can install. The talks with Aquarion have been put on hold. There were 14 CBYD calls. There have been no meetings about the GLP bridge.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer issued 15 permits in March. There are currently 4 or 5 STRs still in business.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's report. The hydrant rental payment will be made in June.

Debbie Bates was here from the Historical Society to discuss their interest in the Spicer House currently occupied by Parks and Recreation. She said the Historical Society would be very interested in using it, but it would depend upon the cost. She also stated the Rowing Club is interested in continuing to use the property.

**V. Communications**

**VI. Old Business**

There has been a sign put up on Riverview designating public access where the boulders were located.

**VII. New Business**

The Executive Committee voted to buy a legacy tree in memory of Frank Socha.

David Steel will get another estimate for an air conditioning system for the meeting room.

**VIII. Other Business**

There was a discussion regarding hybrid meetings. There is presently no plans to change our in person meetings.

A discussion about the request for water on Fishtown Lane and Little Gull Lane followed. Russ Fowler said we could look into loans for infrastructure which might be forgiven. Water for that area was offered twice, but the residents did not want it.

Hydrant flushing will occur at 205 Elm Street every Thursday going forward.

There is an Atlantic States conference in Wallingford which Russ and Frank would like to go to in June. That was approved.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore  
Noank Fire District Clerk