

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: 10 January 2023

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), Russ Fowler (Water Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

None

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Steel/Rathbun) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 13 , 2022 as presented passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In December there were 22 EMS calls, 1 fire, 1 Hazmat and 16 others for a total of 40 calls. He and the Fire Marshal attended a Groton Fire Officer Meeting on December 14. The SCBA air compressor was serviced and faulty relief valves were replaced.

Charlie Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections were performed. There was a report of an odor downstairs at the firehouse. It was investigated and all meter reads were normal. 6 sets of gear were sent to OMFD to be cleaned after the Seaport Marine fire. Chaffee is taking some online OEDM courses.

Russ Fowler reported for the Water Company. On December 21, a meeting was held with Consultant Engineer Karl Acimovic to provide estimates for the grant proposal for Little Gull Lane water and replacing the 3" water pipes. They got several CBYD calls in December. He is working with the Mystic River Congregate on chlorine testing. A water leak at 25 Williams Street was taken care of.

Mike Noel read the Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report. There were 6 permits issued in December.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's Report. The pump station did not get the rate increases. All water billing is out.

V. Communications

The fire district received a notice from CHUBB their workers compensation insurance is not being renewed. Nancy Gilmore will contact Dexter Johnson regarding this issue.

VI. Old Business

Penny Newbury attended the meeting. She will be leading the grant writing for this the Little Gull Lane and Fishtown Lane water installation project. She explained the grant process and that it can take a long time (up to 2 years). NFD will need a letter of intent by this March. It was brought up that part of this project will eliminate the 3” pipe lines in the system and could be highlighted in the grant request.

Nancy Gilmore will create a contact list for the Fishtown Lane project for Penny Newbury.

VII. New Business

John Williams has requested the additional water charge for the number of seats in a restaurant be reduced for the winter months. The committee was not in favor of this request. No vote was taken.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk