

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT  
10 WARD AVENUE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 11 April 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), Charles Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Russ Fowler (Water Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Ted Rathjen (Water Company), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

**II. Public Comments**

Tom Olson of 28 Crosswinds spoke about CT wildlife Concerns. The scenic viewing map has some disconnect with our zoning regulations. Mike Noel will notify our attorney regarding this issue. Ollie Porter of 44 Main Street asked about a public meeting to discuss the plans for repaving Main Street. Mike Noel will investigate plans with the Town of Groton.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion (Steel/Rathbun) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting March 14, 2023 as amended passed.

**IV. Reports of District Officials**

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In March there were 18 EMS calls, 1 fire, 1 Hazmat, 5 others for a total of 25 calls. G46 repairs were made by B&D Auto Repairs. G42 On-Spot was repaired by Shipman's.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections were performed. Inspections were performed at 50 Church Street and 137 Fishtown Road.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. He thanked Russ Fowler and Frank Lewis for all the support he is receiving. A spike in water usage at Noank Shipyard was investigated. There was a leak in the meter pit and the mystery curb stop has been located at that location. A test was done on the water at 33 Church Street. The owner reported a chemical smell of the water. Testing was performed and all levels were correct. There will be a meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the culvert. There were 9 CBYD calls during March. Frank Lewis reminded the committee that while repaving streets a vibrating compactor should not be used.

Mike Noel reported for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 9 permits issued in March.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's Report. Everything is fine. The budget meeting will be held on April 14.

**V. Communications**

Groton Utilities informed Noank Fire District the water rates will be going up on October 1, 2023.

**VI. Old Business**

Peter Drakos said he would like to see the state clean up the area of Spicer Park which was not reseeded after the bridge was finished.

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Other Business**

John Casey spoke to the committee regarding the Cell Tower proposal for 73 Marsh Road. While the Noank Fire District does have input, it does not make the final decision. He suggested a public information meeting and recommendations for another site. Casey suggested NFD coordinate with Groton Long Point.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore  
Noank Fire District Clerk