

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: 09 May 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
Others present: Michael Gale (Fire Chief), Charles Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Russ Fowler (Water Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Assistant Water Superintendent), Ted Rathjen (Water Company), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

Owen Ehrlich asked for a commitment from the Noank Fire District on behalf of the Little Gull Lane residents to do everything possible to get the necessary funding for water for Little Gull Lane. Mike Noel told him the neighborhood will be responsible for a portion of the expense. In order to secure a loan for this funding, the district would have to vote for it.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 11, 2023 as amended passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In April there were 12 EMS calls, 1 fire, 8 others for a total of 21 calls. An order was placed for 6 additional portable radios from Marcus Communications for \$17,261.04. Eric Knobloch resigned as Training Officer. A motion (Noel/Rathbun) to approve Matt Parizo as training officer passed. Parizo is certified by the State of CT as a Fire Training Officer.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections at the firehouse were performed. An inspection was performed at 19-21 Terrace Ave. Violation notices were sent to 50 Church Street and 19-21 Terrace Ave. Chaffee is still waiting to hear from Integrated Security Systems regarding the fire alarm issues..

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. There were 13 CBYD calls in April. There were 6 seasonal turn-ons during April. Russ Fowler, Frank Lewis, Ted Rathjen, David Steel and Karl Acimovic met several times regarding designs for underground utilities for the Anderson marsh culvert project. They are preparing the system to begin testing several areas for undetected leaks. The Committee authorized the Water Company to purchase better equipment for the leak testing. The water company has been in touch with the state regarding the

reseeding on Spicer Avenue. The congregate water testing for MRH went well. They will continue to run water in the main kitchen.

Mike Noel reported for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 18 permits issued in March.

V. Communications

There are several e-mails objecting to the proposed cell tower to be located at 70 Marsh Road.

VI. Old Business

The preparations for the Memorial Day Parade are going along very smoothly.

VII. New Business

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve the Densmore quote for A/C for the meeting room passed. David Steel will call Densmore.

The proposal for a cell tower at 70 Marsh was discussed. The timeline was discussed. Noel spoke about making sure the committee does not miss the deadline. A meeting will be scheduled with the applicant once the proposal has been formally submitted. A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to look into hiring a consultant up to \$5,000 to recommend alternate sites passed. Rick Smith will look for consultant.

VIII. Other Business

The procedures for the annual meeting were discussed.

IX. Adjournment

A motion (Rathbun/Noel) to adjourn passed at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk