

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

Date: 22 June 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: Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk), Cindy Steel (Treasurer)

II. Mike Noel explained the purpose for the meeting. He read the notice which appeared in The Day.

“The Noank Fire District will hold a Special Meeting on 06/22/2023 at 7PM at the Noank Fire House. The purpose is to discuss the Noank Fire District engaging legal counsel and incurring other associated costs regarding the Tarpon Cell Tower proposal, the taxpayer impact on the budget and to vote on whether to authorize the Executive Committee to commit to the expenditures.”

Noel stated he expects the cost could range from \$30,000 - \$70,000. That would amount to a \$50 increase in taxes for a property assessed at \$300,000.

A motion to authorize the Executive Committee to commit to the expenditures was made by Ed Johnson and seconded by Diane Haberer.

A discussion followed. The following residents offered their opinions.

Sharon Murphy, Ken Steere, Jeff Fine, Charlie Lanza, Elisa Coppelman, Amy Kirshner, Robert Occhialini, Brian Walter, Ed Jacey, Nancy Codeanne, Sharon Lamazor, Dr. Frank Bernardo.

All of them were opposed. The reasons varied but included concern about visual appeal and loss of property value, proposing alternate sites, lack of necessity of an additional tower, and health concerns.

A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion (KR/DS) passed.

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk

