

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

Date: 10 October 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), Frank Lewis (Water Company), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk). Cindy Steel (Treasurer)

**II. Public Comments**

Jeff and Dawn Fine requested the trees on the Noank Water Company property on Brook Street be trimmed. They offered to pay for it. The Executive Committee approved the request and thanked them for their offer.

Jim Furlong asked if any more had been heard from Washington regarding the water grant. Noel responded he had not heard but would let Mr. Furlong know if he hears anything. David Steel was going to a meeting about other grant and loan sources.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion (Steel/Rathbun) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 12, 2023 as amended passed.

**IV. Reports of District Officials**

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In September there were 1 fire (Noank went as cover company for 2 alarm fire with multiple structures on fire), 3 Hazmat, 20 EMS and 9 Other for a total of 33 calls. On September 16th a new generator was put into service on G41. On September 18<sup>th</sup> a member was injured. That member has since been medically cleared and returned to full response status.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections at the firehouse were performed. An inspection was performed at 1023 Groton Long Point Road. There were no violations. The Fire Prevention Open House is scheduled for Saturday October 14. Chaffee will be attending an IAAI seminar in November.

Frank Lewis reported for the Water Company. There were 21 CBYD calls in September. The water main break at 15 Smith Lane has been repaired.

Mike Noel reported for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 17 permits issued in September.

Cindy Steel reported for the Treasurer's office. Everything has been turned over to the auditors. Water usage has gone up. She will give a better account on water usage at the November meeting. She presented a statement of all account balances as of September 30, 2023. She also presented the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report through September 30 for both the Fire District and the Water Company.

**V. Communications**

Mike Noel reported a particularly offensive email got sent out by a resident right before Tarpon canceled the informational meeting. Tarpon's plan to use 70 Marsh Road for the cell tower may not be over but the committee is hopeful, and the nasty email is not worth commenting on.

**VI. Old Business**

There are no updates on the water grant. Currently there is a discussion on moving the site of the Tarpon Cell Tower to the top of Fort Hill.

A current report on the Mystic River water contamination was given. The source has not been found and business lost a month of prime business.

**VII. New Business**

**VIII. Other Business**

The issue of whether Mouse Island is part of the Noank Fire District was discussed. It has been decided based upon data from the Groton Tax rolls that it is not.

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn (Steel/Rathbun) passed at 7:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore  
Noank Fire District Clerk