

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: 12 December 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), Ted Rathjen (Water Company), Cindy Steel (Treasurer)

II. Public Comments

Elizabeth Raisbeck asked to have the Main Street Repaving project put on the January agenda. She is concerned that Noank is a very special village and that will not be taken into consideration when the plan is finalized. She requests a special committee be set up to make sure the interests of the village residents are included in the plan. She requested a sidewalk be added to the part of Main Street which goes to the Town Beach.

Ollie Porter endorsed Raisbeck's comments. He does not want the TOG to say here is the design. He would like progress reports of the plans.

Mike Noel said the TOG has asked for residents input so residents should follow through by providing it.

III. Approval of Minutes

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

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In November, there were 1 Fire, 12 EMS, 7 Other totaling 20 calls. On November 16, the department responded to a stove fire at 201 Elm Street. On November 20th and 21st the department responded as a cover company to Groton City Fire Department for a 1st alarm. On November 16th all hose, ladders and pumps were tested. A length of 4" hose failed. A replacement was ordered. On November 20th Engineer Kelley repaired clearance lights and a leaking gasket on G42. On November 22nd Shipmans did the annual maintenance on the Holmatro rescue tools. On November 29th Shipman replaced the rusted drive shaft bolts on G42. On November 16th and 17th Chaffee and Gale attended IAAI conference in Rock Hill.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections at the firehouse were performed. A violation re-inspection at 937 Groton Long Point Road was performed. They are still waiting for GTPD Fire Investigation Unit Report for 37 Sylvan Street. They picked up Rad-Con meters at GTPD. A camera was ordered and received.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. There were 11 CBYD calls in November. The Potter Court Survey is complete and design phase has begun. Seven seasonal water systems were shut down for the season. The 6-month Lead Copper Water test was completed. The results were excellent. NWC has begun the USEPA mandated Lead Copper Inventory of our system. They are required to inventory our complete system from main to curb noting what material was installed. Our records indicate no lead was used to the curb stop but from the curb stop to the house is unknown. Information on what customers are required to do is being sent out with the water bills. This is a huge project requiring a great deal of NWC time.

David Steel read the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 7 permits issued in November.

Cindy Steel reported for the Treasurer's office. There was nothing unusual to report. She asked the committee to okay telling Hoyt to finalize the audit. They agreed.

V. Communications

We received a request to support Wreaths Across America.

VI. Old Business

We received an email from Courtney's office saying our grant is in a holding pattern until the budget is finalized.

There is no update regarding the Tarpon Cell Tower. The Town is currently negotiating with the cell tower company to put it on town property at the top of Fort Hill.

David Steel is getting bids from two trash haulers. Our current contract runs through May 2024.

VII. New Business

Water rates were discussed. It was decided water rates will need to be increased by 15% for 2024.

VIII. Other Business

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk