

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

Date: March 12, 2024

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 Superintendent), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk), Cindy Steel (Treasurer)

II. Public Comments

James Furlong asked for an explanation of the garage fire on Fishtown Road. Michael Gale said it was due to an electrical malfunction and the fire was contained to the 2nd floor.

Blake Powell was looking for information on how the parade finances would be handled. It was decided it would be best if they were handled through the fire district. John Casey will be contacted to look into a way to do the funding which will not impact the fire district tax status. Dave Campbell stated 205 flags will be needed for the cemetery for Memorial Day. The Fire District will order 300 flags from the American Legion.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion (Rathbun/Steel) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 9, 2024 as presented was approved. The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In February there were no fire calls, 15 EMS, 5 Other for a total of 20 calls. The installation of the new radios in department vehicles is complete. All portable radios have been received. The new radio system will go live on March 13th at 10am. On February 7 and 28, Gale attended a Radio Transition meeting at GLPFD. On February 28th Gale attended a Groton Fire Officer meeting at Mystic FD.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections at the firehouse were performed. Chaffee attended a NLCFC Meeting at the Jewett City Fire Department. Chaffee attended a new radio training at the City of Groton Municipal Building and leadership training at EBFD. A new sump pump was installed in the basement generator room.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. There were 10 CBYD calls in February. Most of February was dedicated to the Lead Copper Inventory. 325

residences have reported and all are reporting copper. The Water Company would like to have 90% done by August. CTRWWA is to schedule leak detection for the month of April.

Mike Noel reported for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. There were 7 permits issued in February.

Cindy Steel reported for the Treasurer's office. A check will be made out to the water company for the hydrant rental.

V. Communications

Mike Noel received notification that we received \$1,000,000 from the water grant. The Potter Court drawings are done. Jim Furlong asked how soon after Potter Court would the extension to Fishtown Lane be looked at. Rathjen reported if we use private money for Potter Court we can use the same trench but if we use state money we must adhere to different standards requiring a new trench to be built.

VI. Old Business

The latest information on the Tarpon Cell Tower is that they are looking at repairing and increasing the height of the current tower at the top of Fort Hill.

The schedule of meetings for Main Street repaving can be found on the Groton website.

VII. New Business

The budget preparation meeting will be held on April 10, 2024.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Steel/Rathbun) passed at 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk