

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE

Date: 07/08/2025

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Michael Noel.

Committee members present: Michael Noel, Katherine Rathbun

Others present: Michael Gale (Fire Chief), Ted Rathjen (Water Company Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Water Company), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

There was a discussion about adding water to Little Gull Lane. The residents would prefer not to do blasting. The problem of existing trees and the need to be 10 feet from the sewer line were discussed. A decision needs to be made whether the cost to the residents will be more than the residents are willing to take on.

III. A motion (KR/MN) to approve the minutes from 06/10/2025 as presented passed.

IV. Reports by District Officials

Chief Gale reported for the Fire Department. On June 3, all SCBAs had annual flow testing completed. No issues were found. On June 4 Gale attended the NLCFCA meeting in Old Lyme. On June 11, Gale presented a short Fire Safety class to the residents of Mystic River Congregate. On June 12, Gale attended a meeting of the ESF-20 Marine group at Groton Long Point. On June 20, there was an MVA on Groton Long Point Road at Brook Street. On June 21, DC Chaffee and members of the Department ran the Command Operations for a Marine Group Drill that was held in Groton Long Point. On June 25, DC Chaffee and Gale attended IAAI training in North Haven. On June 30, the Department attended Groton Fire Officer training at Claude Chester School. Members were able to do hands on training for Forcible Entry, Roof Ventilation Operations, SCBA Rescue Maze, and Hose Line Deployment.

Gale reported for the Fire Marshal. All systems were tested. A new battery was added for the electric lights.

There were 6 ZEO permits issued in June. STR enforcement letters dated June 25, 2025 were sent out.

Ted Rathjen read the report for the Water Company. Lead Copper Water samples were collected and tested and the Noank Water Company is awaiting results. Groton Utilities has submitted our Consumer Confidence Report. Chuck Toal and Rathjen met with Tighe and Bond to view the new ESRI system in operation. The system will be operational on July 20th after training. They discussed incorporating billing information including number of bathrooms as the means to invoice. A request was received from David Cournoyer of 365 Groton Long Point

Road to connect to the Noank Water System because of a failing well. A meeting was held with Owen Ehrlich on site to discuss the complexity of adding a water main for the residents of Little Gull Lane. The discussion focused on location tree removal and landscape damage, resident's cost and that all residents will need to participate even if they decline to connect to the main. Additionally, each homeowner will be responsible for hiring a private contractor to make the service connection.

Nancy Gilmore provided the Treasurers Reports. The Washington Trust Company CD was renewed at 4.10% for six months.

V. Communications

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A discussion on our voting procedures at the annual meeting will be held at the August meeting

VIII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Rathbun/Noel) passed at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk