

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE

Date: 09/09/2025

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, David Steel
Others present: Ted Rathjen (Water Company Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Water Company), Charlie Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

Beth Steel asked about the progress on liens for delinquent water customers. She was told they are progressing. In addition, a short discussion was held regarding potential methods for allowing credit card payments for water bills.

David Blacker asked about the Main Street repaving project. He asked if there has been any discussion about underground utilities. Noel agreed to question Greg Hanover regarding a meeting regarding the Main Street project.

III. A motion(DS/KR) to approve the August 12, 2025 meeting minutes as presented passed.

IV. Reports by District Officials

Charlie Chaffee reported for the Fire Department. There was 1 Fire call, 27 EMS calls, 13 Other calls totaling 41 calls. On August 13, the Department Responded to a basement fire at 68 Front Street. A First Alarm was requested bringing units from Groton Long Point, Poquonnock Bridge, Subase, Old Mystic, Mystic and Mystic River Ambulance to the scene. On August 11 Gale had a meeting with Chief Lotring of GLPFD and the owners of Back to Basic Fire Training. They discussed co-hosting a Fire Fighter 1 class in GLP. The class will commence on September 8. On August 12 Gale attended an On-site meeting at Palmers Cove Bridge. The tables and chairs from Uline arrived on August 14. The contract for Kinsley Power to upgrade the transfer switch has been signed. Work will be scheduled when they receive the parts.

Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal. All systems were tested. Inspections were performed at 11 Ward Ave, 38 Bayside Ave, and 137 Fishtown Road. A fire investigation was performed at 68 Front Street. The property manager of 46-52 Main Street was notified of plain view violations. Chaffee is working with the occupants on the issues at 36 Main Street.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. There were 10 CBYD calls in August. ESRI worked with Chuck Toal and Frank Lewis locating residences that are missing AP Cards and photographs of Curb Stop Locations. In August they added 45 homes to their records. Several meetings were held with the Elm Street

Engineers. Rathjen met with Engineers for the Bridge to GLP Project. The replacement of the two bridges to GLP will not start at the same time. The two way traffic on Elm Street will be returning within a week.

Cindy presented the Treasurer's Report. She reported that she is receiving water payments with interest.

There were 3 ZEO permits issued in August.

V. Communications

A request to install a mail slot at the firehouse has been made by multiple residents. The problem with installing one is the front door is fire rated and cannot be drilled. The Committee will look into other options.

VI. Old Business

A discussion regarding the Water Grant and exactly how to spend it occurred. Mike Noel stated we know we want to do Main Street water mains simultaneously with the repaving project. The issues surrounding Little Gull Lane water is the rock formation would require blasting. Several residents are opposed to blasting. We need to get 3 bids for any project to be covered by the Water Grant. After figuring out the cost to supply water to Little Gull Lane it was determined that the Noank Fire District is not going to do the project at Little Gull Lane. The district will need to get a loan to cover the part of the grant which would be our part. More investigation will follow.

VII. New Business

VIII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Rathbun/Steel) passed at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk