EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE

Date: 08/11//2026

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: Michael Gale (Fire Chief), Ted Rathjen (Water Company Superintendent), Frank Lewis (Water Company), Charles Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

Paul Bates commented on the situation at 205 Elm Street. Currently, the water must be kept running slightly all the time. Ted Rathjen said he is working with Karl Acemovic to come up with the best solution.

Mike Noel noted the Noank General Store is up and running and would encourage residents to check it out.

III. Minutes

A motion (DS/KR) to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 14, 2026 as presented was approved.

IV. Reports by District Officials

Bill Mullholland presented the ZEO report. There were 19 permits issued in June and 12 permits issued in July. He reported the FEMA maps were being updated. Some residents may be in the flood zone who were not previously.

Michael Gale gave the Fire Chief Report. During July there were 2 Fire Calls, 24 EMS calls, and 14 Other calls for a total of 40. The two fires were a garbage can fire in Mumford Cove and a Marina Fire in New London. On July 1 Cintas performed the quarterly sprinkler inspection. No discrepancies were noted at that time. On July 4, the Department attended the Groton Parade, the Noank Cemetery Service and the Groton Long Point Parade. On July 14, DC Chaffee and Gale attended Fire Marshal training in New Britain. On July 19, the Department stood by at Groton Long Point fireworks. On July 29, Gale hosted a Groton Fire Officer Radio User Committee meeting.

Charles Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal report. The monthly building inspections were completed. Inspections were performed at 145 Pearl Street, 50 Church Street and 137 Fishtown Road. A violation Re-inspection was performed at 5 Center Street. Chaffee attended the following training/meetings in July: GFO at GLPVFD, NCFMA Advanced Vehicle Fire Investigation in Taftville, OEDM Class in New Britain.

Ted Rathjen gave the Water Company Report. July was a quiet month. The company continued updating their ESRI system with GPS coordinates and

locating system connections.

They also held several meetings with their engineers to determine the best location for the temporary bypass. The initial plan for Elm Street South, from Campbell Road to the GLP intersection, was cancelled due to high costs associated with state regulations. Instead, the Water Company will install a temporary bypass from the dead end of Campbell Road west to GLP Road. The private road off GLP Road has a 6-inch main line that dead-ends at a blow-off valve. The temporary bypass will connect underground from each dead end and run along the surface in an 8-inch plastic pipe. The company is currently contacting landowners to secure the necessary permissions.

Additionally, the company has commissioned Karl Acimovic to design and engineer the Sylvan Place project to replace the 3-inch AC main from Main Street to High Street. They have marked out all but two service connections, and the next step is to have the project surveyed. They expect to receive the bid documents in September. Please note the company also plans to install an additional fire hydrant on Sylvan Place.

Lastly, there were 13 CBYD requests during July.

Cindy Steel presented the Treasurer's Reports. She reported the $500 miscellaneous expense for water was not the Noank Fire District expense.

V. Communications

None

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (KR/DS) passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk