EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE

Date: 09/08/2026

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), Frank Lewis (Water Company), Charles Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments
None

III. Minutes
A motion (DS/KR) to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 11, 2026 as presented was approved.

IV. Reports by District Officials
David Steel presented the ZEO report. There were 11 permits issued in August.

Michael Gale gave the Fire Chief Report. During August there were 0 Fire Calls, 33 EMS calls, 2 Hazmat, and 16 Other calls for a total of 51. On August 10, G46 went to Valenti's for wheel balancing and inspection. On August 12, State inspection of building boiler was conducted. No discrepancies noted at that time. On August 14, G46 went to Valenti's for stabilizer and front suspension repairs and alignment. On August 19, the Department's R1 license was renewed. There has been an increase in calls from Sea Stretcher. The driveway will be fixed on September 21 to make the lift even with the bay door.

Charles Chaffee gave the Fire Marshal report. The monthly building inspections were completed. Fifty apartment inspections were performed at 205 Elm Street. A violation re-inspection was done at 5 Center Street. Follow-ups were done at 5 Center Street, G-46 to Valenti's, G-46 to Noank Service Center, Fire Report for 103 Brook Street, Main Block Violations, Propane Burn off 165 Neptune Drive, 201 Elm Street Fire Alarm hit by lightning, Main Block Record Update to GECC. Chaffee attended a NLCFCA meeting at the Yantic Fire Department. Parking on Main and Front Streets is still an issue.

Michael Noel gave the Water Company Report. There were 12 CBDY requests. They continue to gather data for our field maps program, focusing on GPS coordinates, locating missing curb stops and preparing Sylvan Street for engineering design. Karl Acimovic's surveying team is currently working on Sylvan Place. Lyons Brothers was hired to replace a broken curb stop and the fire hydrant on South Elm Street. This work is complete. They responded to two residential requests for temporary service shut-offs to allow interior valve replacements. They are working to establish a suitable permanent or temporary bypass for the upcoming bridge project and are continuing dialogue with several

local residents. Rathjen will need to consult with our attorney when a site is determined. Rathjen received a verbal quote of under $8,000 from Mack Lyons to construct a gravel pad at the Brook Street shop. He asked for authorization to proceed. Katherine Rathbun asked for him to get a second quote. Rathjen received an emergency call regarding a water main break at Noank Shipyard caused by building demolition. There has been no CBYD requested. September 1 was Frank Lewis's last day with the Noank Water Company. The company is extremely grateful for his dedication, knowledge, and support. Kate Blacker has been hired to assist with the CBYD program. She brings valuable experience from Groton Utilities.

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

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer's Report. She reported the money for Beebe Cove has been received from the State. Balances in all accounts are healthy.

V. Communications

None

VI. Old Business

The $8,000 offer for the fire truck fell through.

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