

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

Date: 01/13/2026

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), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Bill
Mullholland (ZEO), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

Ollie Porter asked about the water rates. The increase was explained to him. Paul Bates
stated he had heard property owners would be responsible for grinder pump repairs.
Chairman Noel said he would look into it.

III. A motion (DS/KR) to approve December 9, 2025 meeting minutes as amended passed.

IV. Reports by District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. During December 2025 there
were 3 Fire, 16 EMS, 25 Other calls for a total of 44. The three fires were: Mystic
box plus at 7 Benjamin Road; lawn mower fire at 146 Neptune and electrical
outlet fire at 37 Skyline Drive. On December 5, 14, 29, the Department covered
PBFD while they were operating at structure fires. On December 9, the
Department covered GCFD while they operated at a structure fire. On December
4, Chief Gale held 2 meetings at the Noank Fire Department. One was with Zico
representatives and the other was with GLPFD. On December 15, Deputy Chief
Chaffee, Captain Knobloch, Engineer Kelley and Chief Gale went to Shipman's
with Engine 41 to discuss equipment placement on the new engine. On December
17, DC Chaffee and Chief Gale attended a Groton Fire Officers meeting at GLP.
Cintas came and performed the Annual Inspection at the Firehouse. There were
several violations which need to be addressed. The department will set up the
repairs.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. The design for Main Street water
pipe replacement has begun. The question was raised "What if the Town decides
not to do the Main Street Construction Project". Rathjen said in that case the old
pipe will be removed and new pipe placed in the same spot. There will be a huge
cost to the Noank Water Company if they are required to pay for the repaving.

Bill Mulholland gave the ZEO Report. There were 6 permits issued in December.

Cindy Steel presented the Treasurer's Reports. She has moved the Washington
Trust CD to a Money Market Fund.

V. Communications

None

VI. Old Business

It was decided to table the finalization of the updated zoning fees until the next meeting. There was a question about the fees applying to docks.

VII. New Business

A move (KR/DS) to appoint Beth Steele as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals was approved.

VIII. Other Business

Aiden Chaffee was contracted to do the snow clearing for the Firehouse and Sylvan Street Historical Society,

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Rathbun/Steel) passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk