

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE

Date: 02/10/2026

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

None

III. A motion (DS/KR) to approve January 13, 2026 meeting minutes as presented passed.

IV. Reports by District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Marshal. The monthly inspections of the fire district billing have been completed. Apartment letters of intent to inspect will go out soon.

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Chief. During January, there were 14 EMS calls, 1 Fire call, 9 Other calls for a total of 24. On January 1, the Department responded to a brush fire on Neptune Drive. On January 28, the Department responded to a water rescue at Spicer's Marina. On January 13, the spring for the main bay door snapped. It was temporarily repaired the same day. On January 29, CINTAS completed all repairs and testing of the building Fire Alarm system. On January 30, members of the Department went to MES Shiman's and moved equipment from the old 41 to the new 41. On January 28, Gale attended a Groton Fire Officer's meeting at Groton City. Gale has received his Open Burn Official certification from the State. On February 2, the Department transferred the new G41 from MES Shipman's to the Noank Fire House.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. There were 7 CBYD calls in January. Two homes needed the water shut off at the street for repairs. Two homes had frozen pipes. NWC installed stakes at all hydrants. On January 23 there was a meeting to discuss plans for the GLP Amtrak bridge replacement. They are planning on replacing two bridges at the same time. The elevation will also be changed. The project is complicated considering our 10" main water pipe crosses under the west side of the bridge. NWC is concerned with plans to provide adequate redundancy of our system. The state plan was to move the main from west to east without a temporary main. The Marsh Road main would be the only source of water. State engineers require us to locate our current main by digging test holes to determine exact location and depth. NWC has scheduled a second meeting for February 5th to discuss NWC concerns and who will pay for NWC time and materials. NWC authorized Tighe and Bond to make several

upgrades for the ESRI system with the new location service. One of them was to update each tap card with GPS information and to assist with NWC gate valve upgrade. During the transfer of NWC water system map to ESRI, NWC noticed several tap cards were missing crucial information that needs to be uploaded. Also, some need to be recoded. Two houses located near each other in Tanglewood are experiencing blue water coming from their taps. The reason has not been determined.

Bill Mulholland gave the ZEO Report. There were 12 permits issued in January 2026.

Cindy Steel presented the Treasurer's Reports. She presented the Statement of Account Balances as of January 2026. The reports look good.

V. Communications

None

VI. Old Business

A motion (KR/DS) to approve the zoning fees as presented to the Commission in January passed.

VII. New Business

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Rathbun/Steel) passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk