

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOANK FIRE DISTRICT
10 WARD AVENUE

Date: 04/14/2026

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Michael Noel.
Committee members present: Michael Noel, 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

III. A motion (DS/MN) to approve March 10, 2026 meeting minutes as presented passed.

IV. Reports by District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Chief. During March, there were 18 EMS calls, 2 Fire calls, 2 Other calls for a total of 22. On March 2, the downstairs toilet was repaired. On March 3, Shipman's did warranty work on G41. On March 5-6 G42 was at Shipman's for annual maintenance and valve repair. On March 10, Shipman's performed the quarterly air test and repaired a leaking valve on the SCBA compressor. On March 18, Gale attended a CT-IAAI meeting in Willimantic. On March 20, Gale attended a meeting at OMFD. On March 22, several members of the Department stood by at the firehouse for the Mystic St. Patrick's Day parade. On March 25, four members of the Department attended training at the Submarine Base. On March 27, a locksmith rekeyed 3 doors to the Fire Apparatus Bay. On March 31, DC Chaffee and Gale attended Fire Marshal training in Rocky Hill.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal. The monthly building inspections were completed. Inspections were done at 5 Center Street, 110 Main Street, and 17 Sylvan Street. There was a fire inspection done at 10 Main Place for a vehicle fire. Chaffee attended the following Training/Meetings: NLCFCA, OEDM, GFO. Parking on Main and Pearl Street is still an issue.

Ted Rathjen reported for the Water Company. In March there were 15 CBYD calls. Significant progress has been made on the design plans for the water system crossing under the Amtrak Bridge on Groton Long Point Road scheduled for 2027-2028. To align with the Coastal Resilience Plan, the bridge will be raised four feet and replaced lane by lane. The NWC is also in discussions with two Noank families regarding a permanent water main connection from Prospect Hill Road to GLP Road. The estimated cost is \$140,000 which NWC would front and recover at the project's conclusion. Additionally, the State DOT will fund approximately \$900,000 for the water supply lines from Elm Street South. The NWC applied to the CTDPH Water Section for reduced lead and copper

monitoring testing. NWC responded to a water line break on Potter Court. It was determined to be a customer situation and NWC has provided temporary house to house service connections until repairs are complete. NWC received permission from The Fire District for the Water Company to consult with community business leaders on a long-term viability plan. This study will evaluate the steps necessary for the Water Company to remain independent or consider acquisition by neighboring systems.

Bill Mulholland gave the ZEO Report. There were 5 permits issued in March 2026. There were two enforcement actions regarding STR. 782 Groton Long Point Road received a first notice on March 4, 2026. 16 Prospect Hill Road received a third and final notice on March 20, 2026.

Cindy Steel presented the Treasurer's Reports. The balance in the Fire District Account is \$392,172.67. The balance in the Water Department account is \$607,032.43 and \$76,056.42 in the Savings account.

V. Communications

None

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

Ollie Porter of Main Street asked if there was anything which could be done about the sea grass planted next to the sea wall at the Town Beach at the bottom of Main Street. It obstructs the view for the people who have trouble getting around who want to come to the beach and sit in their car to view the water.

VIII. Other Business

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (DS/MN) passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk