

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

Date: 10/08/2024

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, Katherine Rathbun
Others present: Michael Gale (Fire Chief), Charles Chaffee (Fire Marshal), Frank Lewis (Water Company), Cindy Steel (Treasurer), Nancy Gilmore (NFD Clerk)

II. Public Comments

None

III. Motion (Rathbun/Noel) to approve minutes of 09/10/2024 as submitted passed.

IV. Reports of District Officials

Michael Gale reported for the Fire Department. In September there was 1 Fire, 19 EMS, 1 Hazmat, and 12 Other calls for a total of 33 calls. On September 12, the department assisted Poquonnock Bridge with the rescue of an injured mountain biker at Haley Farm. On September 18, the Department responded to a small kitchen fire at the Fisherman's Restaurant. On September 22 the department responded to a rollover MVA at Esker Point Beach. On September 25, the Department responded to a motorcycle crash on Elm Street. On September 4, Chaffee and Gale attended the NLCFCA meeting at East Great Plains FD. On September 9 all hose, ladders and pumps were tested in Groton Long Point. Four hose lengths failed and replacements have been ordered. On Sept 13 Chaffee and Gale attended a tabletop exercise at Fort Trumbull.

Charles Chaffee reported for the Fire Marshal's office. The monthly inspections at the firehouse were performed. A fire investigation of 937 Groton Long Point Road was conducted. A follow-up inspection of the Main Block is scheduled on November 13, 2024 at 10:00am. The following Training/Meetings were attended: NLCFCA Meeting at EGPF, GFO Meeting at GLP, Marine Group Meeting OMFD, CT Firefighters Association Convention Business Meeting in West Haven.

Mike Noel reported for the Water Company. There were 6 CBYD calls in September. Multiple meetings occurred to finalize the Lead Copper Survey. Ted Rathjen met with Mike Haige of CTRWWA to review the results. Final data will be sent on October 14th. There were multiple meetings on the Potter Court Project. Abbott's Lobster agreed to allow the Water Company to store materials in their parking area. Detail letters were delivered to affected residents outlining what to expect over the next month. Information was posted on the Fire District website. The temporary water line for the Potter Court residences was set up. A backup water source for Harings was set up so they could stay open during the

construction. The valve installation on Pearl Street was completed including a new breakaway fire hydrant on the west side of the street. As of October 4th over 100 ft of new 6" Ductile iron pipe had been installed.

There were 10 permits issued in September by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Cindy Steel gave the Treasurer reports. She has submitted the debt report to the Town of Groton. The PILOT money has been received. \$527,000 was provided to the Noank Fire District in July and \$35,630 in August in tax collections. The trash bills have gone out and some overdue water payments have been received.

V. Communications

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Other Business

Water rates will be established in November.

Mike Noel gave an update on the grant. He met with Matt Cassedy regarding preliminary engineering. There will be a meeting with Little Gull residents. He has contacted John Casey regarding how to do assessments when not all residents want town water. The Noank Volunteer Fire Department Open House will take place on October 12 from 11 – 2.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn (Steel/Rathbun) passed at 7:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Gilmore
Noank Fire District Clerk