

Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, October 16, 2023, call to order: 1902

Attendance: In Person: Mark Nall, Richard Dvorak, George Hagar, Diane Carboni, Alison Dvorak, Shannon Peppin, Laura Burke, Byron Crofts, Braydon Crofts, Ray Henry; Offered via Google Meet: Brian Reynolds, Patricia Hayward-Paige, Dave Wheeler, Jodie Hanks, Gaynelle Crofts, Jason Lovett

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes from September 2023: Mark makes motion to approve minutes, Diane seconds, all approve. (16)

Treasurer Report: Shannon Peppin provided report and will be posted with Minutes. Motion to approve by Richard, second by Mark, all approve (16)

Chief Report: Mark Nall provided report.

- 15 calls: 10 EMS, 4 Fire, 1 Weather Alert.
- Chiefs Meeting summary included foam recall on hold due to funding. Interesting review of Block Island fire response.
- Department needs clarified procedures for PPE laundering.

Deputy Chief Report: position vacant

Assistant Deputy Chief Report: Gaynelle Crofts present on google meet, provided report.

- The live burn training is being rescheduled.
- Please park in designated spaces (not alongside of building)
- Incident reports need completion.
- Help needed for training calendar on Wednesdays.
- Any new EMTs doing HER training should add "duplicate" to the name of patient and please do NOT lock the chart as it limits access to delete it later.

Captain: Byron Crofts provided report

- The box fan is on the tanker, does not need to be on the ET. The truck checks will be updated.
- Request someone run tools next week as Captain will be away.

Lieutenant: Brian Reynolds provided report.

- Air pack testing will happen in November
- Rescue tanks are filled to 75% so far.
- Please do truck checks as assigned
- New radio is on the tanker. VHF radio is to use for communication with Montville. Chief notes that an incident report should be filed for the call where previous radio was run over.

Rescue Lt: Braydon Crofts provided report.

- Please clean up the Ambulance after each call

Chief Engineer: George Hagar provided report.

- Fixed rear fill on Engine but concerned that rot will continue

IT and Admin: Danitza Nall absent but provided report via email, read by President Dvorak.

- Completed another ESO training and had a Zoom meeting to add grand totals to the rewards report
- Phone conversation with D. Wheeler to resolve Crew Rewards unanswered questions; need to update Rewards guidelines based on last officers meeting.

- Re-ran the ESO rewards July-September reports and sent to Asst. Chief for approval; posted reports on the bulletin board prior to payments
- Reviewed routine emails & phone messages
- Continue with IT updates

Old Business:

- Dispatch construction update from Chief
- Beaver Brook Bridge work update, actual work will haven next summer
- Radio replacement still planned with Windham County Chiefs

New Business:

- School Prevention Week went well
- Department involvement encouraged for upcoming community events.

Good of the Order:

- Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 27th. Sign up and attendance appreciated
- Electric Vehicle Training will be held Saturday 10/21, 8:30-12:30 at Fire School. There is a link to register. Class is free. Contact Gaynelle if need assistance.
- President Dvorak provided updates on facility and department management issues previously discussed including: payment of bills, new apparatus, pension, tax abatement, computer access, station phones, cancerous foam exposure, hall repairs, bathroom tile floors, well water. Additional items included roof leaks and bathroom sink needing repair.
- Craft Fair update provided by committee, 32 vendors signed up, space for 38. Will need a lot of help for day of event to assist with parking, load/in & out, concessions, etc.
- Chief Nall commended crews for several recent EMS and Trauma calls that were handled professionally.
- Dave Wheeler inquired about Good for Gas Invoice (Calibration Gas supplier). Discussion with Shannon, will review invoice/payments.
- Brian notes repeater radio will go into the SUV, when ready.

Membership: no updates

Committees:

- Media/Marketing Committee – met but focused on Craft Fair activities
- Uniform Committee- Jodie noted no report.
- Truck and Funding- Jeremy absent. No report.
- Fundraising- Jodie discussed potential order of long sleeve t shirts.
- By-laws- Bethanie absent, no report. Chief suggested that we review other departments for examples/samples of by-laws. The Accountant has also suggested that we have an oversight committee for the department (similar to a Board).
- Hall- Jim Crofts absent, no report. Diane noted that she and Jim discussed pricing of adding chair rail and corner protectors for the pillar columns. Thank you to Shannon for making curtains. 14 tables available, discussed need for table and chair racks. Diane is getting security deposits and insurance riders for renters.

Correspondence: none

Chief reminds to dress for the weather with socks, gloves, hats, etc.

Meeting adjourned 1957 by President Dvorak, seconded by Ray Henry; Respectfully submitted, Alison Dvorak, Secretary

Next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2023, google meet link: <https://meet.google.com/grw-ruxs-wjm>