

NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE DISTRICT
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
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Date August 31, 2021

Commissioners: Patrick Kiniry, Melissa Colburn, Celeste Aumand

**Attendees: Bill Crawford, Fire; Bob McGuirk, Water
Alice Maurer, resident; Brian Benware, resident**

Patrick Kiniry was absent from meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Com Colburn

Minutes of August 24, 2021 approved by motion from Com Colburn, seconded by Com Aumand, with two in favor.

Chief noted asked that a correction be made in the August 17, 2021 minutes: Regarding EMR tests: Change to “State allows up to two years, after completing training to take Test”

FIRE:

Chief had \$300.10 in invoices, approved by motion of Com Colburn, seconded by Com Aumand, with two in favor.

NW Fire has been granted access to the Walpole Highway fuel pumps and given a universal PIN number. Chief has established a chart for whoever fuels up a truck to enter the date, number of gallons and type fuel used, which he will use to reconcile the invoice received from the Town.

Chief advised that Luis Rodriguez has voluntarily resigned from the Department, due to work hours.

All fire equipment will be inspected during the month of September.

Chief has been advised that Cold River Road is still not completely repaired, as Town is waiting for FEMA to evaluate if Town is eligible for FEMA funds.

Chief noted that the Department Air Paks need to be replaced. They are 16 years old and NFPA recommends they be replaced after 10 years.

Com Aumand asked if a Grant could be applied for to pay for them, along with other items such as Thermal Cameras. Chief agreed to look into it.

WATER:

Bob will take Bacteria samples on Wednesday and Patrick will take to Swanzey.

Broadband has been restored on Mountain View.

MISC:

Brian Benware attended meeting to complain about the Fire Alarm sounding in the middle of the night, most recently at around 4:00 am. Chief noted that it was an error by Mutual Aid and was supposed to be Westminster (VT) call. The NW Alarm is supposed to be sounded between 5:30 am and 9:30 pm only for all calls within Village and all confirmed

fire calls. Chief advised that he will contact Mutual Aid and remind them NOT to sound the alarm after 9:30 pm.

Mr. Benware stated that the previous Chief(s) decided the Alarm was unnecessary as the Department has hundreds of dollars of personal pagers and portable radios.

Chief noted that one cannot always hear the pager due to surrounding noise and the portable radios do not leave the building, except for with an Officer.

Com Aumand noted that she had talked with Jay Kahn about the Vilas Bridge. He was unaware that the Walpole Sewer Line went under the bridge, nor that if that collapsed, the Nursing Home in Westmoreland received water from the river and would have to shut down. He promised to look into the situation.

Ms. Aumand had several questions for the Fire Chief:

1) Are vehicles sanitized after each call: answer: all are disinfected on scene and sprayed on return to station.

2) Could Thermal Imaging units be purchased through grants and are members trained on use? Answer, He will look into grants and training is done in house.

3) Who is in charge of cleaning the bathroom? Answer: various members take turns and Chief will make sure it is done.

4) CPR and AED questions: answer: All members are CPR certified. Certifications are valid for two years. AED can be used only by certified personnel.

5) Masks and vaccinations. Answer: Masks are not mandated. If The State Mandates, then all Members will be masked. However, Masks are to be worn on all rescue calls. Not all Members have been vaccinated.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Com Aumand at 8:20 pm, seconded by Com Colburn, with all two in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
William H. Moses

Patrick Kiniry, Chair

Melissa Colburn

Celeste Aumand.

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