

Noroton Fire Department  
Service Board  
Oct 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/23/18

Start Time: 8pm

Attendees: K Bennett, B Buch Jr, Hunter, Keane, Ball, Hessmer, Saba, Geraci, Ward,  
Murray, Sheehan

Guests: A. Butcher, A Hyatt III

-Last Month Meetings read.

**Report Of Committees**

**Radios:**

Ball Reported:

- 25 radios went out for service in September
- Fixing ~11 of the 25
- Testing G5 Radios

**Trucks & Equipment:**

Hessmer Reported:

- Windshield Washer fluid cap is missing on E31, will replace
- Maintenance account is empty, will do limited repairs
- L30 ladder testing will be around Oct 29 or 30
- U-36 having issues starting, continue to monitor, keep it running
- U-35 bay should be kept clean, need to bring the plow in this weekend

**Marine Division:**

Ball Reported:

- 35 replacement committee continuing to meet & review
- All skippers/crew please keep an eye on the boat during bad weather
- No solo responses from FD to Boat, take one of the pick ups, min 2 guys

**Fire Commission:**

Hessmer Reported:

- DFD hosting 3 Dept Cocktail party 12/15
- Construction continues at the Drill tower (replacing windows, propane, etc)

**Membership:** No Report

**Probationary Members:**

- Service Board recommends Jack Unger for Probationary Membership,  
pending his physical

**Drills & Training:**

Buch Jr Reported:

- Nov Schedule is posted, Dec will be posted soon
- In House Pump class starting 10/29, email Bobby or Brendan if interested

**Gear:**

Keane Reported

- New gear shipment is in, will be handing out the rest, email went out

**Parades:** No Report

**Old Business:**

Ward Reported:

- Gear Washer/Dryer project is progressing, looking at roughly \$25k total, \$11k is coming from the town. The units are larger than expected, researching all options and will report again

Hunter Reported:

- Minor electrical work will be completed on the outside of the new garage

Keane Reported:

- When filling bottles, make sure they are being filled slowly so they get full

Hessmer Reported:

- Hydrant flags have been placed on most hydrants in our district
- There are a number of hydrants that need service (leaking, covered by plants, fences to close, etc). Fire Marshal's Office is sending letters to homeowners
- Chris Oxer has reached out to Chief Hessmer to return to NFD. Discussion took place. Service Board recommends we monitor it closely, he must complete a Dept Physical at AFC, complete a CTR before riding in a truck, cannot drive a truck, and must make 9 Drills & 10% of alarms before the March 2019 Service Board meeting. If these requirements are not met by March 2019 Svc Brd meeting Svc Brd will recommend action to the dept.

**New Business:**

Hessmer Reported:

- Need to start working on the 2020 budget, Svc Brd should start thinking about any capital expenses we might need

**Welfare:**

Keane Reported:

- We will be covering for DFD 10/27 during their open house

Ward Reported:

- Our website is in the process of switching to the new site soon
- We will leverage the member section more with the new site
- Asked that we let trucks roll, even if reduced response to alarms, allows guys to mentally prepare for alarms

Using Spotted Dog is mandatory when responding or going out of town

-With no further business the meeting adjourned at: 9:30pm