

North Stonington Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Town Business

Approved  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Date: March 29, 2021**  
**Call to Order@ 19:02**

**Time: 7:00PM**

**Members in Attendance:**

Z. Abbotts, C. Appleton, K. Bond, N. Browning, L. Chappell, G. Howell  
C. Steinhart IV, M. White, C. Steinhart V

**Alternates seated (if needed for quorum) N/A**

**Discussion regarding: 3-19-21 letter from Company to BOS & BOF (#1)**  
**3-25-21 Chief's email to BOS and BOF (#2)**  
**3-26-21 letter from BOS to Company (#3)**

**Discussion regarding Board/Company response back to BOS and BOF.**

**"Motion to approve Board's response (#4) to both BOS and BOF regarding above documents"**

**Motion:** C. Steinhart V                      **Second:** M. White                      **Vote:** Approved, Unanimous

**Adjournment @**

**Motion:** C. Steinhart V                      **Second:** M. White                      **Vote:** Approved, Unanimous



**NORTH STONINGTON  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. INC.**



**TO:** North Stonington Board of Selectmen  
North Stonington Board of Finance

**Date:** March 19, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Fire Company's 2021-2022 Town Budget Submittal

Dear Board Members:

After watching the various budget presentations, we feel it necessary to reiterate our earlier proposed funding requests made by the Company. A break down follows:

<b>Operating:</b>	(Budget line B26.01)	<b>\$139,800</b>	
	(Budget line B26.14 – per diems (2)	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>Note 1</b>
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>	(Budget line B20.01 – VFC Insurance)	<b>\$28,840</b>	
	(Budget line B20.07 – Longevity VFC)	<b>\$35,360</b>	
	(Budget line 20.08 – VFC stipends)	<b>\$58,000</b>	
<b>Capital:</b>	(Budget line C3.07- Turnout gear)	<b>\$21,000</b>	
	(Budget line C3.50 – VFC radios)	<b>\$35,000</b>	<b>Note 2</b>

**Note 1:** It is understood that the Board of Selectmen have reduced line B26.14 to reflect one (1) per diem at \$55,000, versus the original request of \$60,000.. The return of the second position is requested.

**Note 2:** We understand that line C3.50 was removed by the Board of Selectmen in order to get an Added Appropriation this fiscal year for the funds. Depending on that vote, the reinstallation of those monies could be needed.

Please understand that any further changes will need to be endorsed by our Board of Trustees before we can move forward. We thank you in advance for your support.

Chief

President

Chairman, BOT

From: Charles Steinhart V

Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:50 AM

To: Michael Urgo; bcarlson@northstoningtonct.gov; Nita Kincaid; Dan Smith; Daniel Spring; Carolyn Howell; Paul Simonds; Anne Akin; Brett Mastroianni; Sarah Nelson; Christine Dias; Michael Anderson

Cc: Kyle Bergel; Kathy Bond; Charles Steinhart IV

Subject: Re: 2021/2022 NSVFC Budget

Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance

Last night I attended the BOF meeting. I am very disappointed that the BOF did not follow through with the 2nd Firefighter as was discussed last year and agreed when the cut from 2 firefighters to 1 firefighter was made.

Also during the meeting I was not allowed to speak to explain specific things regarding my budget. Chairman Spring has allowed others to speak when they need to justify purchases during discussion. Why isn't the Fire Company offered the same?

Last I would like a letter of commitment from the BOS and BOF that they WILL fund the 2nd firefighter for 3 years once the COVID funds come in.

Respectfully,  
Charles Steinhart V  
Fire Chief

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2021, at 7:01 PM, Charles Steinhart V <csteinhart5@nsvfc.org> wrote:

Attached is a letter from NSVFC on the budget currently being worked on. If I have missed anyone on the BOF I apologize. Please feel free to forward it to them.

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Charles A. Steinhart V  
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*North Stonington  
Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.*



To: North Stonington Board of Selectmen

March 29, 2021

cc: North Stonington Board of Finance

Re: NSVFC's 2021-2022 Budget request status

A Special Meeting of the Fire Company's Board of Trustees was held on March 29, 2021 to discuss the communication by the Fire Chief regarding the recent Board of Finance meeting and the letter received from the Board of Selectmen regarding funding of the Per Diem position. It is hoped that this letter will clarify our position on both topics.

The actions of the Board of Finance's Chairman on March 24, 2021 appear to raise concerns regarding the fairness of his handling of some parts of this year's budget process. If one group is permitted to further explain their requests, while denying another the same privilege, the action becomes problematic. It is hoped that in future meetings there will be more equitable treatment of all involved in the budget process.

Regarding the March 26, 2021 letter from the Board of Selectmen, while the first per diem position will continue to be funded (B-26.14), the second position is proposed to be funded by American Rescue package monies. A similar letter from the Board of Finance is requested to clarify their position.

Moving forward, the Fire Company Board voted to wait until after the April 5, 2021 Town Meeting and any release of American Rescue funding to comment further on our budgetary concerns.

It should also be noted that the above communication was read and endorsed by the Membership at a Special Company Meeting on March 29, 2021.

*C. A. Steinhart IV*

Chairman, BOT

*K. H. Bond*

Recording Secretary