

NHIA Members' Meeting

April 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Gail Boyarsky at 7:03pm. Twenty-one (21) people were in attendance.

A. NHIA board members introduced themselves

B. Brief History of NHIA ([see slides](#))

C. New Hope Fire Department Update

- Appreciated original NHIA members getting the fire station and rescue squad in the area earlier than it would have without the land donation and fund raising efforts.
- Currently there are 45 firefighters and medical responders in the NHVFD. There are two paid staff round the clock at Station 1 (Station 2 is still 100% volunteer)
- Fire Station 2 houses an Orange County ambulance from 12pm to midnight every day.
- The department will be partnering with the new American Red Cross's Smoke Detector Campaign for mobile home parks. The pilot program is set to start in May.
- A new fire truck to replace an aging vehicle is getting ready to be ordered.
- Reminder to tell your home owners insurance agent that the fire department rating raised from class 9 to class 6 so you may be able to reduce your insurance premiums.

D. Upcoming Events

- Ice-cream Social on Sunday, July 12th
- Country Breakfast on Saturday, October 3rd
- Turkey Run on Saturday, November 14th
- Funny Girl Farm Tour TBD
- Annual Members Meeting and Board Election on Tuesday, November TBD
- Possible December event to coincide with the NHVFD Christmas tree sale.

E. Finance Update ([see slides](#))

F. NHIA Building

DECISION: The consensus among the members present to move forward with negotiations regarding transferring ownership from NHIA to NHVFD then bring to membership for approval.

ACTION: When the Fire Station takes over building rental, they will revisit whether alcohol/beer/wine will be allowed.

DISCUSSION: Currently the land and building are owned by the NHIA and leased to the NHVFD but NHIA does not have the funds or income from fund raisers required to make the needed building repairs.

- The proposal is to transfer ownership to the Fire Station and NHIA will lease the room for their meetings and community events
- The building needs some major repairs like a new septic system, new decking and a new roof among other items.
- The Fire Station will then be able to budget county funds to make repairs over the next several years. (The fire department cannot use fire tax monies to pay for repairs on a building that is not owned by the fire department.)
- The Fire Station will also take over rental of the community center room.
- NHIA will maintain its identity and a presence in the neighborhood.
- NHIA will have first right of refusal if anything happens to the fire station.

G. Next Members' Meeting to discuss & vote on a transfer contract will be scheduled in the upcoming months: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm