

St. George Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Association
 (Originally St. George Fireman's Association)
Highlights of Meeting Minutes

11/5/1953	<p>“Although several meetings prior to this date were held, in anticipation of plans to form a Volunteer Fire Department, it was at this meeting, that organization was actually completed, with officers, rules and regulations.</p> <p>Chief Fay announced the addition of a truck chassis to which a tank will be installed and to be used as a tank truck for water.</p> <p>A detail was picked for cleaning the truck in preparation for cleaning.</p> <p>Dues for members are \$1.00 per calendar year.</p> <p>Due to 1953 nearly over, it was decided to charge members \$.50 for the balance of the year.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers elected: President: John Kulju. Vice President: Alison Wilson, Jr. (resigned shortly afterwards for personal reasons). Secretary and Treasurer: Arthur L. Ingersoll. (These notes in his handwriting.)
1/7/1954	“Suggestion of forming traffic squad on handling traffic in case of fire.”
1/14/1954	Arthur Luther voted in as Vice President. Traffic squad formed with four officers.
4/8/1954	Annual Meeting: Officers elected. President: Allison Wilson. A. J. Chadwick, Vice President. A. L. Ingersoll, Secretary and Treasurer.
5/13/1954	Motion to repair toys for kids for Christmas.
9/9/1954	Shotgun raffled off, won by Doug Ball of Tenants Harbor. Profit from the raffle was \$61.71
10/28/1954	Band concert suggested to raise money during January (no subsequent report so probably did not go forward).
1/13/1955	<p>Christmas report:</p> <p>“Toys – many items were received. All necessary repairs made where necessary including repainting.</p> <p>Certain nights were designated as work nights and most all members turned out to help put project over.</p> <p>Seventeen places were visited. Each place visited showed their appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the association.</p> <p>Among the larger gifts presented were sleds, metal wagons, wheelbarrow, doll crib, doll bed, doll house, etc.</p> <p>Each gift was accompanied by a bag of sweets. Bags being made up by Mrs A. P. Wilson and daughters who also filled them. Association furnished the fillings.</p> <p>Delivery was made to each person on list by Mrs. Fay (Mrs. Santa Claus) and the Secretary.</p> <p>Gas was furnished for car, by Association. Delivery of all articles was made Dec. 24th in the late afternoon.”</p>
1/27/1955	Discussion of buying coffee urn. Bean supper proposed for Feb 17. Prices \$.35 and \$.60
2/24/1955	\$17.68 profit from bean supper. Coffee urn ordered. 10 members given vanilla and/or lemon extract to sell. Members voted to pay for the installation of a telephone in the firehouse.
3/10/1955	\$13.70 profit on extract sold. Tag day, Monday 3/14 at Town Meeting. “Coffee urn to be used at town meeting if possible.”
3/24/1955	Profit from tag sale and sale of coffee at town meeting - \$15.32

4/14/1955	Annual Meeting. Tank truck completed. Officers elected: President: A. P. Wilson. Vice President: Alfred Chadwick. Secretary & Treasurer: Arthur Ingersoll. Assistant Secretary: Richard Murray. Motion that Officers meet once each month to discuss betterment of the Association. Motion that "no member under age 18 shall participate in any dangerous situation unless given orders by whoever is in charge." Also resolved "no application to be accepted under age of 16 and all applicants up to age of 18 must have parent's consent."
4/28/1955	"Meeting turned over to Safety Police Bodreau who spoke on road safety with auto cars and showed pictures. Very well received. Education is principal factor. Also about speed going to fires. Use reasonable rate of speed and be careful of potential danger points and slow down at stop signs."
5/12/1955	Discussion "as to whether red lights on volunteer private cars was permissible. Final check to be made with State Police."
6/23/1955	Ford Truck purchased from Waldoboro Garage for \$200.00 (contemporary check book shows amount to be \$190.00). To be stationed at Port Clyde (will be designated Truck 3).
7/28/1955	Arrangements made to play ball between the firemen and St. George. Truck 3 needs second coat of paint before completion.
10/27/1955	Truck 3 completed this evening, to be moved to Port Clyde after meeting. Collecting toys for Christmas.
12/1/1955	Voted to cut and sell Christmas trees.
2/9/1956	Motion made and passed to "endorse and adopt" a ladies auxiliary . Notice to be placed in newspaper. Motion passed that the association serve coffee and donuts at the town meeting for donations received.
2/23/1956	Motion authorizing Jim Chadwick to contact Stoneham Mass about the possible purchase of a 1938 ambulance for \$150.00
2/28/1957	Special Meeting: "Meeting called to order at 8:00 sharp by the president, vice president. At roll call there were fourteen present plus one selectman. . . . The question in mind and purpose of meeting was to talk over and decide on an ambulance that can be bought for \$150. A '38 Buick in exceptional condition with spare tires and all accessories. It was voted, all in favor, of the ambulance and that we'd canvas the town for donation. Mr. Dalrymple started the ball rolling with a \$5.00 bill. Also voted that all donations be listed and thanked by a card or otherwise."
3/8/1956	Minutes note \$137.80 in ambulance fund (this is first mention of this fund in the minutes). Suggestions for ambulance to be brought in at next meeting.
3/22/56	Ambulance donations to date: \$304.63. Expenses: \$117.20 (First ambulance was purchased for \$100.00 on 3/6/1956). Letter to Mr. Batty for donation of siren. Motion that the town license the ambulance if possible. Letter to Leach (?) Brooks for donation for cot for ambulance and fittings. Sunday afternoon work to be done on ambulance for cleaning. Motion to purchase sheets, pillowcases, rubber sheets. Motion that Red Cross be contacted to start a course of First Aid for Department. 5 members nominated as drivers: George A. Fay, A. Wilson, Sr., Alfred J. Chadwick, Walter L. Bryant, Al Ingersoll.
4/12/1956	Annual Meeting: Officers elected. President: Alfred Chadwick. Vice President: Maurice Hupper. Secretary/Treasurer: A. L. Ingersoll. Assist. Secretary: Richard Murray. Cot received and installed in ambulance, ambulance ready to go.

4/26/1956	Ambulance report: Two trips made with ambulance. One on 4/15/56 to Knox City Hospital in Rockland and one to Portland. New Gas tank on ambulance. Motion to buy "necessary pans" for ambulance. Ladies Auxiliary formed. 10 ladies present.
5/10/1956	"Roll Call. Present – 13 men, 9 women" "Meeting turned over to Mr. Dodge for instruction in First Aid."
5/24/1956	President spoke of safety council pertaining to fast driving. Canvas cover needed for the truck at Port Clyde. \$26.00 received from Ladies Auxiliary from cake sale benefiting the ambulance.
6/28/1956	Rummage sale items to be collected. "Jars for collection in stores for ambulance fund and contents to be collected once a week by Mrs. Holly." "Talk given by Jeff (?) Ricker about a ball team to represent the Fire Department and proceeds to go to equipment fund." Motion to form team passed.
7/12/1956	Auxiliary reported rummage and food sale to be held in August. "Ball team reported first game. Net \$18.00. Five lined up and more to come."
7/26/1956	Discussion of future purchase of Resuscitator - costed out at \$285.00. "Hats sent for as well as hose."
8/23/1956	Raffle for quilt won by Anne Hupper. Letter to Mrs. Grace Hardy for donation of quilt.
9/13/1956	"Motion passed that association pay bill from Lowell, broken windshield at ball game." "A. P. Wilson turned in \$147.23 returns from summer ball games and no outstanding bills."
9/27/1956	Order "midget stretcher" (30"x72") and blanket.
10/4/1956	Resolved "any member absent for 6 consecutive meetings be dropped from the roster and such member be notified for the reason unless excused." (note: only 6 members at this meeting. Previous meetings had 8, 11, 5, 7, 9 members present.)
10/18/1956	8 present. "Stretcher and blanket arrived in ambulance. Advanced \$5.00 to Walter Bryant for chair seat for ambulance."
11/1/1956	9 present. "Notice placed in paper general description of work done on fire department and ambulance explained in detail." R. J. Polky applied for membership (first time that family name appears in these records).
11/29/1956	9 present. "Lights to be installed on trucks when possible as these are extra ones." Xmas toys to be collected.
12/6/1956	12 present. Motion passed that \$20.00 be taken from the general fund for Christmas donations.
12/20/1956.	9 present. Amendment re dropping members to be modified. Proposed ". . . every member . . . must attend one meeting per month unless excused. Failure to comply will result in suspension in the following year."
1/3/1957	9 present. Motion of 12/20/1956 re attendance adopted. "Pass word about getting helpers for the ambulance." "Motion has been made and seconded that posters be made and put up by March and a card be sent to each organization requesting that they ask for donations of toys."
1/17/1957	10 present. Discussed record keeping situation.
2/7/1957	12 present. \$451.46 cash on hand "remember that 211.10 cannot be used except for the purchase of a resuscitator."
2/21/1957	10 present. Various (unspecified) improvements being made to Truck #3.

3/7/1957	10 present. Motion made to revise several articles of the by laws. "Motion made and seconded to accept letter drawn up pertaining to lack of attendance of members, motion made and passed to stencil 100 copies of the above letter." "Motion made and seconded that Fire Department do the same at the town meeting with the Rebeccas that they did last year (ie: split duties and profits from service of coffee and donuts 50/50). Motion made and seconded to hold annual picnic in August. "A Lobster Supper is definitely planned for later on when summer people arrive." (first mention of such in these minutes.)
3/21/1957	6 present. No treasurer's report. Motion passed that five members must be on hand to hold a meeting. "\$8.84 ½ received from coffee at town meeting." (That number was repeated later in the minutes.) Bean supper to be held April 13. Tickets 65 cents and 35 cents. Motion made to order 12 signs for cars and also one for the Fire Chief and one for the Assistant Chief.
3/28/1957	13 present, Special Meeting. Motion passed that Lawrence Watts take over the treasury.
4/4/1957	17 present, Annual Meeting. Election of officers. President: James Murray. Vice President: Walter Bryant. Treasurer and Secretary: Lawrence Watts. Motion made to elect committee to plan special entertainment for either 1 st or 3 rd meeting in May. Motion passed to loan Red Cross the coffee urn for April 6. Motion made to have special meeting on April 10
4/10/1957	11 present. Discussion of bean supper this coming Saturday night.
4/18/1957	11 present. Bean supper report: Net income \$84.04
5/2/1957	17 present. Motion passed to elect four member each meeting as a refreshment committee (for the next meeting). "All members over 25 years of age are qualified as drivers on the Mack." Motion passed to buy two teakettles for the Grange "where they let us have the hall free for our supper". Motion to check on a resuscitator used by the Fire Department in Somerville Mass.
5/16/1957	13 present. "No report on entertainment!" Motion passed to pay \$20 bill for repair of fender of John Holly damaged by St. George Fire Department.
6/6/1957	5 present. Word received to bring in something to sell at the Auxiliary fair.
7/2/1957	5 present. "The Firemen's Auxiliary had a fair on Saturday June 29 at Legion Hall, was very successful, made \$102.62"
9/24/1957	10 present. Report was given on Lobster Stew Supper . Motion made that all money taken in for general purposes be put in the resuscitator fund until purchases.
10/10/1957	14 present. J. Chadwick reported on repair of starter in ambulance. Tires are of different sizes, one has a break. Two new tires should be purchased.
10/24/1957	10 present. George Fay brought in poster for collection of toys for Xmas. Card to be sent to Mrs. Hardy to get Auxiliary help in our Xmas toys.
11/21/1957	8 present. Discussion of tires for ambulance (still not purchased) and Xmas toys.
11/27/1957	Last meeting of 1957. Treasurer's report only. No members present. No discussion.