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Chester Hose Co. Inc.

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No. Madison Vol. Fire Co.

## Minutes of the December 22, 2003 VSMAA Meeting, Westbrook, CT.

President Perkins called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM with 10 departments represented.

### Special Presentations:

1. None

The minutes of the November 24, 2003 meeting were read, MMS to accept as read.

The treasurer's report was read. The treasurer currently reports a balance is \$4896.41.

### Communications:

1. None

### Bills to be paid:

1. \$1,247.22, bill presented by Jed Perkins for Valley Shore Assoc. Logo shirts. Cost includes 2 extra shirts ordered by Jed Perkins (1) and Jeff True (1). A check in the amount of \$28.98 was paid by Jed Perkins, a bill for the same amount will be sent to Jeff True. A net of \$1,189.26 will result. MMS to pay bill.

### Committee(s) report(s):

1. None

### Old Business:

1. Jed Perkins reported that a letter was sent to Valley Shore Communications concerning the unauthorized modifications to the Tanker Task Force assignment sheets and recent failure to follow radio frequency protocols for mutual aid assignments. Jed reports that the issue was taken up by the Valley Shore Communications Executive Committee, but has not received any response yet. Jim Long reported receiving a phone call the morning following the November VSMAA meeting after this issue was raised, and requests that all communications and issues concerning this topic be channeled through the VSMAA. Jed reinforced the issue that VSMAA is the sole authority concerning the tanker task force assignment sheets.
2. Jed reports that he and Fred Dudek attended another Statewide Disaster Plan meeting. There are currently discussion in creating a Northern and Southern Task Force Team. Jed also explained that the current terminology of "Tanker Task Force" is inconsistent with nomenclature being used by the plan and other authorities. Jed presented a motion to change the nomenclature to "Tanker Strike Team". MMS to change to "Strike Team".
3. Jed Perkins reports that on January 17, 2004, the Middlesex School Committee will meet with state authorities regarding the status of the proposed new county fire school. The state is still looking to use surplus state land. Anyone with any land recommendations should contact Fred Dudek.

### New Business:

1. Jed Perkins presented the new Valley Shore Association logo shirts. Additional shirts can be ordered directly from A2Z in Deep River Connecticut for \$28.98. Three (3) shirts were

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Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
395-3149

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P.O. Box 691  
South Main Street  
Westbrook, CT 06498  
399-9492

provided to each Valley Shore Department. Killingworth and Clinton may obtain their shirts by calling Jed Perkins, or can receive them at the January 26, 2004 meeting.

2. Jim Long reports new Chief Officer assignments in Westbrook for the coming year: Cliff Spencer will take over as Chief, with Ralph Buck as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant and Jim Long as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant.
3. Jed Perkins announced that Chester Hose has awarded it's new ambulance contract to Life Line in the approximate amount of \$128,000. the new ambulance will be Red and White, and is due in around April 2004.
4. Jim Long reported that 467 is now in service. Middleboro Fire Apparatus refurbished the Foam Engine.
5. Jim Budney reports that Deep River has approved the spending of \$378,000 for a new Ferrara/Spartan pumper with 1,500 gpm and 1,000-gallon tank, and 50 gallons of foam. The apparatus is due June 2004.
6. Jeff True states that the 26' Boston Whaler is still available from the Old Saybrook Department. Interested parties can contact Jeff True or Rick Swan.
7. John Tabek reports that Haddam has ordered a new American LaFrance pumper for \$456,000. The new pumper will be a double foam unit, with 1,500 gpm and 1,000-gallon tank. Expected delivery is November 2004.
8. Ralph Buck reports that Westbrook will be replacing their light rescue (499) with a new Suburban.
9. Jim Long reported a theft of approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 worth of tools from their Station 1 recently. State Police are working on a strong lead in the case.
10. Jim Budney fro the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officer for 2004: Don Johnson for President, Rob McCarthy for Vice President and Buck Taylor for Secretary/Treasurer. No nominations were presented from the floor. A MMS for closure of slate and to cast a ballot for the nominated slate. MMS to accept slate as presented for 2004.

**Interest to the organization:**

1. Don Johnson reports that Essex Fire has been granted monies from FEMA to purchase a 20' DECON trailer with mass casualty supplies. Once the trailer is operational, it will be available for mutual aid responses throughout the county.

The next meeting will be held in Chester, on January 26, 2004 at 8:00 pm

Respectively submitted  
Buck Taylor  
Secretary/treasurer