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## Minutes of the October 26, 2009 VSMAI meeting in Haddam, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Fazzino at 19:35 hrs with a salute to the flag.

### Attendees – October 26, 2009

Sam Baber – Haddam	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Jim Budney – Deep River	Paul Fazzino – Essex
Charlie Greeney – Chester	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Gary Klare – Haddam
Tim Lee – Deep River	Brian Manware – Clinton
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook	Scott Wright – Durham

### Special Presentations:

None

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:** MMS (Jenkins / Manware) to accept the September 28, 2009 minutes as read. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of communications:** None

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,284.89, with \$0.00 of income and no expenses. Ending balance is \$7,284.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Manware / Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

### Bills to be paid:

NONE		
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### Committee report(s):

Statewide Disaster: No report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning: Sent in comments, waiting on the State to respond.

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### Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

- JT Dunn has asked that the OSFD interior channel be added back to the Valley Shore-wide frequency list. There was discussion / concern that this channel is also used by the Old Saybrook Public Works which would cause an issue during snowstorms or other times when PW could be using the frequency. MMS (Herrschaft / Bauer) that this channel be added as an Old Saybrook Fire interior channel (at OSFD's discretion) but not listed as a Valley Shore-wider interior channel. Motion passed unanimously.
- Sam Baber from Haddam stated that the names for Haddam's channels are not correct on the most recent list.
- Tim Lee stated that Deep River's repeater frequency needs to be added to the list.
- Charlie Greeney asked for clarification on the naming conventions to be sure all departments were following the general Command / Operations structure. Charlie indicated that Chester's frequency names will be changed to align with the rest of the VS departments. He stressed that consistency is key to making this work.
- President Fazzino asked that all Department Chiefs review the list that Steve Biasi will send out and get any changes to Steve prior to the November meeting. At the November meeting there will be a vote, after which each Chief will be asked to sign the approved list prior to distribution.

### **Old Business:**

#### Dispatch repeating of street names / radio transmissions

- President Fazzino indicated that he has noticed a significant improvement since the last meeting.
- Considerable discussion ensued, Charlie Herrschaft will forward Guilford's dispatch procedure for the sub-group to review and make recommendations back to VSMAL.

#### Plain language

- Charlie Greeney questioned whether we should be looking to change apparatus names / numbers as part of the plain language initiative. Example: Haddam 1-13 would change to something like Haddam Engine 1, Chester 7-6-5 would become Chester Tanker 5, etc.
- President Fazzino asked that we postpone looking at this until after the Radio Committee's work on frequencies has been completed / approved, at which time the Radio Committee will look into this.



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### Tender / Tanker Strike Team

- Gregg Prevost reported that the version in circulation is outdated.
- There was considerable discussion on the use of tender vs. tanker and what information was missing from the list.
- Steve Biasi will re-circulate the list, all changes will go back to Steve as Secretary of VSMIAI so he can maintain the master copy and provide to the dispatch centers.

### **New Business:**

- Tim Lee reported that Deep River's new Crimson Rescue Truck is now in service.
- Tim Lee asked if there were still openings in Guilford's Tactical Aerial Operations class. Charlie Herrschaft indicated that this is a CT Fire Academy class so all enrollments would go through the Fire Academy.
- Charlie Herrschaft reported that the November RIT class in Guilford is full with 50 firefighters. Charlie encouraged VSMIAI members to come and watch the class.
- Gregg Prevost reported that Westbrook is looking to host a CDL class beginning in January. Don Lee will likely be the instructor. More information to follow.
- Charlie Greeney reported that Chester is still looking to host a FF1 class in January. More information to follow.
- Paul Fazzino reported that Essex will be hosting an EMT / MRT-R class the last week in November, weeknights only.

### **Interest to the Organization:**

- Brian Manware reported that Clinton's boat is back in service and their aerial is out of service for an undetermined amount of time.
- Paul Fazzino reported that Essex's new ladder is progressing, estimating that it will be completed January 2010.
- Jim Budney reported that Deep River's new tanker is still being worked on. Could be in service in a few weeks or months depending on whether they decide to paint now or wait. Also need to check with Durham on the tank fill valves.

MMS to adjourn at 20:54 hours (Manware / Herrschaft).

Respectfully submitted,

**Steve Biasi**  
Secretary / Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009 in Killingworth at 7:30 PM.