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## Minutes of the February 28, 2011 VSMAI meeting in North Madison, CT.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Fazzino at 19:45 hrs with a salute to the flag.

### Attendees – February 28, 2011

1. Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	2. Jim Long – Westbrook
3. Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	4. Harry Hall – Durham
5. Todd Hajek – Killingworth	6. Arnie Moore – Killingworth
7. Robert Gerard – Madison	8. John Brady – North Madison
9. Steve Biasi – North Madison	10. Paul Fazzino – Essex

### Special Presentations:

A special presentation was made by CT Fire Commissioner John Brady. Commissioner Brady discussed the recent legislative ongoing up in Hartford and discussed some of the proposed changes being made by the new Governor Dannel Malloy. Commissioner Brady handed out the proposal 2012 and 2013 budgets for fire and police services in the State of Connecticut and handed out a document identifying how many fire and police services are proposed to be merged together (the merger document is attached to the monthly meeting minutes). Commissioner Brady also discussed the proposed changes identified in the document. According to Commissioner Brady, based upon the new governor's proposals, he is not acting as a supporter of the fire service under any means. Commissioner Brady also discussed some of the pending State House and State Senate legislation and its possible future influence on the fire service. Commissioner Brady explained that at this time there have not been staffing cuts at the CT Fire Academy but the people currently working there are working at capacity. In the future there may be one or two managers eliminated especially if some or all of the merging proposals are adopted.

One question posed to Commissioner Brady:

What is the CT Fire Academy doing to make all fire departments in the state aware of the proposed cuts? Commissioner Brady explained the CFA has not done anything at this point in time and has not posted anything on the list server.

Commissioner Brady strongly recommended to all chiefs and officers along with firefighters to write and email their state representatives to strongly express your concerns regarding the proposal legislation, mergers and budget cuts to the fire service.

Commissioner Brady explained the proposed budget cuts will have an influence on the state fire schools and will dramatically affect the amount of courses offered.

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:** MMS (Long /Herrschaft) to accept the January 24, 2011 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Reading of communications:** None

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$7,984.89, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$7,984.89. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Long/Moore). Motion passed unanimously.

**Bills to be paid:**

NONE		
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**Committee report(s):**  
Statewide Disaster:

NO REPORT

Audit Committee:

The audit committee reported that the financial records were reviewed for 2010 and all records and numbers were in good/satisfactory condition. A motion was made to approve the financial records for 2010 by Chief Arnie Moore of Killingworth. A second was made by Deputy Chief Todd Hajek of Killingworth. The motion passed unanimously.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

NO REPORT

Nominating Committee:

Chief Arnie Moore reported that all current officers agreed to remain in their current positions and he received no recommendations or nominations from other individuals. A motion was made to approve accept the current slate of officers for 2011. The motion was seconded by Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook. The motion passed unanimously.



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### **Old Business:**

NO REPORT

### **New Business:**

NO REPORT

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

Past Chief Hall of Durham discussed the Portland gas incident and fire including the use of metering, use of personal protective equipment, the dissipating of LPG and explained this was an incident that could have occurred in any of the valley shore towns.

Chief Herrschaft explained the use of proper hazardous material procedures including the use of adequate monitoring, personal protective equipment and SCBA.

Past Chief Hall of Durham explained the new Durham 1 is moving through production and they are expecting delivery sometime around mid-April. Past Chief Hall explained their department has a rescue truck committee established and are working on the specifications for their new rescue truck.

Deputy Chief Todd Hajek of Killingworth explained one of their tankers is going out for refurbishing, therefore, Station #2 will not have a tanker.

MMS to adjourn at 20:20 hours (Hall/Hajek).

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Biasi  
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2011 in Old Lyme at 7:30 PM.