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## Minutes of the October 26, 2015 VSMAI meeting in Old Lyme, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:40 hrs. with a salute to the flag.

### Attendees – October 26, 2015

Jed Perkins – Essex	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
James Budney – Deep River	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Chris Going – Essex	Paul Fazzino, Jr. - Essex
Jim Schaefer – Chester	John Brainard – Chester
Tom Risom – Old Lyme	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino – Essex	

### Special Presentations:

Lyanne Sanford from Bridgepoint Mortgage did a presentation on Hero Home Ownership Project that provides assistance to first responders in obtaining and refinancing home mortgages.

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:** A MMS (Risom/Perkins) to accept the September 28, 2015 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

### Reading of communications:

None

**Treasurer's report:** The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,490.11, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$3,490.11. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Jenkins/Schaefer). Motion passed unanimously.

Dues payments was received from the following departments:

1. Durham (2014)
2. Madison
3. Westbrook
4. Haddam

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5. Deep River
6. Chester
7. Killingworth
8. North Madison
9. Guilford
10. Old Saybrook
11. Durham (2015)
12. Old Lyme
13. Essex

### **Bills to be paid:**

NONE

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

#### State Fire Coordinator's Report:

No Report

#### Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

#### Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Awaiting Chief Brian Manware of Clinton to finalize the frequency list for distribution to the organization.

#### Website:

Discussion was had concerning updating the website's calendar.



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### Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

### Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

### Accountability SOP

No report

### RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No report

### Incident Command SOG

Assistant Chief Tim Ballantyne of Deep River will distribute the draft/revised Incident Command SOG for review for the next meeting.

### **Old Business:**

No report

### **New Business:**

Past Chief John Nickerson of Old Lyme and owner of JLN Associates stated he was willing to host next month's valley shore meeting at their facility in Old Lyme. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chief Tom Risom of Old Lyme explained the Old Lyme along with Old Saybrook attempted to test the standpipe system that runs along the Baldwin Bridge and



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spans over the Connecticut River. Chief Risom explained due to the lack of maintenance, upkeep and annual testing the standpipe system is in need of service. The automatic valves in the standpipe system are not operational. Old Lyme made the Connecticut DOT aware of the situation with the standpipe system; however, the State of Connecticut does not have the funding to fix the system at this time. Old Lyme and Old Saybrook fire departments are working together to devise a plan to collectively fix and maintain the standpipe system.

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

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook announced on November 9<sup>th</sup> the Board of Selectmen should vote to approve the purchase of three new engines for their department. Upon the measure passing with the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance should then vote to approve funding/bonding for the purchase. Chief Jenkins hopes to have a signed contract with the fire apparatus manufacturer by the end of 2015.

Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced his department is looking to purchase two new fire engines in the near future. Chief Fazzino also announced the construction of their training facility was progressing well. The facility was nearly enclosed. The facility will be available for outside departments to conduct training.

Chief Jim Schaefer of Chester announced the Rescue Core Class has been cancelled.

Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced Essex is obtaining a new medium rescue truck with new Paratech equipment. The old rescue unit (suburban) is being donated to the East Corinth, VT Fire Department.

MMS to at hours 20:20 hours (Budney/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Biasi*

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Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2015 in Old Lyme at the JLN Associates located at 43 Hatchetts Hill Road at 7:30pm.

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