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Minutes of the May 21, 2012 VSMAI meeting in Old Saybrook, CT.

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

Attendees – May 21, 2012

Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Richard Tsou – Westbrook
Gary Klare – Haddam	Corey Adams – North Madison
Doug Minges – North Madison	Andy Greene – Old Saybrook
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Steven Olsen – Essex
Doug Harrays – Essex	Jay Rankin – Old Saybrook
J.T. Dunn – Old Saybrook	Frank Schrempp – Clinton
Tom Swaney – Old Lyme	Tom Brown – Lyme
Jim Budney – Deep River	Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex
Christopher Cestaro – Old Saybrook	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Paul Fazzino - Essex	

Special Presentations:

NONE.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes: MMS (Jenkins/Tsou) to accept the April 23, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

NONE

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$8,344.57, with \$200.00(Dues Payment from Essex and Westbrook) of income and \$5,643.00 bills or payments. Ending balance is \$2,901.57. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Jenkins/Harrays). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

Northeast Rescue Systems	\$5,143.00
Carl Hubbard Family Benefit Fund	\$250.00
Bill Morris Fund	\$250.00

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Committee report(s): Statewide Disaster:

NO REPORT

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

NO REPORT

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee:

NO REPORT

Website:

Chief JT Dunn announced all the Valley Shore meeting minutes have been posted to the www.valleyshorefire.com website from 1996 to present.

Chief Dunn also announced the informational firefighting videos have been posted to the www.joinyourfd.com website. The informational videos are in various downloading formats for downloading by various sources (i.e. media sources and advertising agencies). The website also contains a geographical map of Connecticut containing links to nearly all the state's fire departments.

Tanker Shuttle SOP:

NO REPORT

Accountability SOP

NO REPORT

First 10 Minutes Class

President Fazzino announced he was in contact with the lead instructors for the course and it was decided the course would not occur. The lead instructors had approximately 15 instructors lined up for the course, however, due to the conflict with Mother's Day the course was going to be re-scheduled. The lead instructors



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could not schedule all the required instructors for the course for a future date and therefore the course is being cancelled.

The East Haddam location may be used for a possible RIT training course in Fall 2012.

President Fazzino is looking for thoughts and ideas on possible training courses and drills that could utilize the facility.

Deputy Chief James Budney of Deep River recommended the Larry Davis course that was held many years ago and believed the course was very useful and a great training class.

Old Business:

Lt. Paul Fazzino, Jr. of Essex announced the Region 2 burn trailer would be coming to Essex starting on June 16th and will be located in Essex for one month.

Lt. Fazzino welcomed other departments to come out and use the trailer.

President Fazzino re-emphasized the use of the trailer and strongly recommended the valley shore departments use the trailer. President Fazzino explained the trailer is available and is a great learning tool.

New Business:

Deputy Chief James Budney thanked everyone and the numerous fire departments for their support with the Lt. Bill Morris fundraising event.

President Fazzino announced Lyme Fire Department s seeking to join the Valley Shore organization. President Fazzino introduced Chief Tom Brown of the Lyme Fire Department. Chief Brown explained his department's purpose for seeking membership and thanked everyone for their support. President Fazzino explained the application and enrollment process to the organization.

Deputy Chief Budney of Deep River announced Deep River is looking to upgrade their radio system and install new antennas and possibly new radio towers.

Deputy Chief Budney announced Deep River is looking to reach out to their surrounding departments and towns for support and feedback.

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook explained Westbrook is also looking to conduct some upgrades to their radio system as well and would look forward to working with Deep River.

Deputy Chief Budney explained his department is looking to see how other departments could benefit from their upgrades and could possibly assist in the costs.



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President Fazzino explained Chief Tim Lee of Deep River is on the technical committee with Valley Shore Communications. President Fazzino discussed how 46.18 was previously the main channel for communications around the valley shore area but that no long exists with all the new radio upgrades and technology. President Fazzino also explained that many towns have splinters away from valley shore communications such as Old Saybrook and Clinton.

Chief J.T. Dunn explained the new equipment and technology is very user friendly to new equipment therefore compatibility and interoperability when departments such as Deep River upgrade should not create a problem.

President Fazzino recommended that all departments attempt to get back to working together and using common channels similar to the way departments worked under 46.18. President Fazzino recommended getting the valley shore chiefs together and work on plans, strategies and solutions to the radio usage, equipment and frequencies. President Fazzino explained the valley shore selectmen recommended to the valley shore technical committee to continue working together and not splinter apart further. The committee has also scheduled a meeting with Kx to possibly combine some resources.

Chief Dunn of Old Saybrook inquired as to whether valley shore communications can receive emergency signals from distressed firefighters with portable radios. Both President Fazzino and Chief Jenkins of Westbrook confirmed communications could receive such distress signals.

Interest to the Organization:

Chief J.T. Dunn of Old Saybrook announced 2nd Assistant Chief Joe Johnson would replace Assistant Chief Tim Lucas.

MMS to at 20:15 hours (Jenkins/Budney).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi
Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2012 in Westbrook at 7:30pm.