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 Essex Fire Engine Co. No. 1

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Minutes of the December 19, 2017 VSMAI meeting in Old Saybrook, CT.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:35 hours with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – December 19, 2017

Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Chris Going – Essex
Andy Kressley – Essex	Doug Harreys – Essex
Mike Shove – Guilford	Jed Perkins – Essex
Jay Rankin – Old Saybrook	Tom Rison – Old Lyme
Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook
Tom Listorti – Old Saybrook	Ben Bagnati – Old Saybrook
Mark DeCillis – North Madison	Gabe Balsamo – Old Madison
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Mike Jenkins - Westbrook

Special Presentations:

NONE

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Johnson/Fazzino, Jr.) to accept the November 2017 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$4,271.02, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 bills or payments. The ending balance is \$4,271.02. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Johnson/Budney). Motion passed unanimously.

Dues have been received from the following departments:

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2. Westbrook
3. Essex

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4. Old Saybrook
5. Deep River
6. Guilford
7. Chester
8. Haddam
9. Killingworth
10. Old Lyme
11. Madison
12. Clinton

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan reminded everyone to please get your updated department inventory to Kevin McManus as soon as possible.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

Website:

Chief Tom Risom of Old Lyme announced Old Lyme is currently revising their website and inquired with the other attendees whether using in-house personnel or an outside contractor is best for competing the task. The majority of the attendees



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believe using in-house personnel works best, however, if anyone can find a good outside contractor to complete the work please let the organization know.

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

No Report

Old Business:

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River opened discussion on the propane trailer. Currently, \$3,000.00 has been donated for the trailer, however, \$10,000 is needed to complete the trailer. Deputy Chief Budney suggested soliciting a variety of local companies and organizations through a letter sent through the Valley Shore organization. Deputy Chief Budney requested the assistance of State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan and the Valley Shore organization to draft a letter. Deputy Chief Budney inquired with the attendees whether fire departments can send invoices/request for payment when incidents involve the use of the



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propane trailer. The attendees believe fire departments can invoice or request reimbursement for expendable supplies following a propane-involving incident, however, not for general maintenance.

New Business:

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River announced Deep River has new sprinkler connection signs for the buildings in their town with sprinkler system. Deputy Chief Budney inquired with the attendees whether the signs should be glued or positive secured through the use of positive fastening devices to the buildings. Assistant Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook stated many town ordinances require the signs to be positively secured to the building.

Deputy Chief Jim Budney opened discussion on whether any departments have new ideas for incentives for firefighters. Deputy Chief Budeny inquired whether departments have moved towards providing “pay per call” or “clothing” incentives. The attendees did not provide any new incentives that were substantially making a difference compared to the existing incentives. The attendees primarily use of pension type incentive systems.

Chief Tom Risom of Old Lyme described the current condition of Old Lyme’s retirement system for firefighters and the ongoing changes. The Old Lyme changes may result with the department moving towards a set stipend system.

Interest to the Organization:

Vice President Mike Jenkins announced the need for a nominating committee for the 2018 calendar year. The attendees nominated Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River and Assistant Chief Joe Johnson of Old Saybrook to be the nominating committee. Paul Fazzino, Jr. made a motion was made to advance the two names for the nominating committee. The attendees unanimously approved the motion.

Captain Ben Bagnati of Old Saybrook announced Old Saybrook’s new brush truck is in service and was parked outside for the attendees to view. The truck has a 300 gpm pump, hose reels and drafting capabilities to name a few of the numerous amenities with the new truck.



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MMS to at 20:10 hours (Johnson Listorti).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2017 in
Westbrook at 7:30 pm.