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Minutes of the February 26, 2018 VSMAI meeting in Clinton, CT.

Vice President Mike Jenkins called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours with a salute to the flag.

Attendees – February 26, 2018

Mike Perez – Clinton	Jason Lewellyn – Clinton
Bobby Kytte – Madison	Jeremy Adametz – Killingworth
Arnie Moore – Killingworth	Ben Bagnati – Old Saybrook
Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook	Michael Neff – Clinton
David Heiney – Old Saybrook	Michael Carri – Killingworth
Steven Budney – Deep River	James Budney – Deep River
Gregg Prevost – Westbrook	Jon Lambert – Deep River
Ryan Miner – Deep River	Tom Risom – Old Lyme
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Dave Cone – North Madison
Rick Swan – Fire Coordinator	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Ethan Drain – Killingworth
Paul Fazzino, Jr. – Essex	Chris Going – Essex
Aron Schumacher – Essex	Jim Schaefer – Chester
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Mike Jenkins - Westbrook

Special Presentations:

Catherine Reid from the American Cancer Society presented information for the Relay for Life of Haddam-Killingworth & Fire Truck Pull. The Relay for Life of Haddam Killingworth will be held on June 23, 2018 at 12:00pm at the Haddam-Killingworth High School, 95 Little City Road, Higganum, CT. Teams of 12 will compete in a fundraising, team-building, cancer-fighting Fire Truck Pull challenge. Winning team receives a trophy & bragging rights! All funds directly benefit the American Cancer Society.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Budney/Adametz) to accept the January 22, 2018 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

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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 (Moore/Budney). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

NONE

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced East Haddam does not have any department issued UHF radios (portables or mobiles) issued to anyone or on any apparatus. If UHF radios show up in East Haddam they are privately owned. There are no estimated dates on when East Haddam will transition or even deploy UHF radios. East Haddam's radio project is being handled by the Emergency Management Director and not the Fire Department. Valley Shore Communications is drafting a few "radio preplan" scenarios for larger incidents and mutual aid.

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced Kevin McManus also has not received completed department inventories from Durham, Essex, Killingworth, Madison and Westbrook.

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report



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Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

Essex Fire Chief Paul Fazzino, Jr. announced the recent RIT training on February 13th had approximately 30 people. The meeting was well attended and there was a lot of good discussion on conducting RIT training. The second RIT meeting was held on February 24th. The next meeting is planned for Friday, March 9th at 7:00pm in Clinton. The first training session is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th at 8:00am in North Madison. The training topic will be Air Management.

Incident Command SOG

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Deputy Chief James Budney of Deep River opened discussion on fire department incentive programs.

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Chief Tom Risom of Old Lyme announced Old Lyme's program is going through restricting and with the assistance from an outside professional organization their incentive and retirement program will effectively continue without any negative implications to anyone.

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Deputy Chief James Budney of Deep River led a general discussion on retirement and incentive programs amongst the attendees.

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Deputy Chief James Budney of Deep River inquired with other department officers about the use of personal vehicles being used to respond to fire department incidents. Many department officers stated the individual's personal automotive insurance covers the damages initially and then town insurance coverage will cover the remaining loss not covered by personal insurance. It was announced that when personal automotive insurance discovers individuals are using their personal vehicles to respond to fire department incident without sufficient coverage it can result with personal automotive insurance carriers cancelling insurance policies.

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Chief Arnie Moore of Killingworth thanked all the departments that assisted with their recent structure fires. Chief Moore requested responding mutual aid to please wait for assignments from Killingworth officers and Incident Command.

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Gregg Prevost explained the recent Toby Hill Road fire in Westbrook. The structure was 9,900 square feet and upon the initial arrival the first two engines



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used their tank water and then lost water for about 6-7 minutes while the dump tanks were set up. It was suggested to have waiting tankers direct feed to the initial engines while the dump tanks are set up. At this time, the fire is currently under investigation by the Fire Marshal's office.

Chief Mike Jenkins of Westbrook announced Westbrook will be hosting a Traffic Incident Management course on May 5th. The informational flyer, when completed, will be sent to the Secretary for distribution.

MMS to at 20:15 hours (Adametz/Moore).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018 in Deep River at 7:30 pm.