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**Minutes of the January 22, 2018 VSMAI meeting in Chester, CT.**

Secretary/Treasurer Steve Biasi called the meeting to order at 19:55 hours with a salute to the flag.

**Attendees – January 22, 2018**

Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook	Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook
Steven Budney – Deep River	Jim Budney – Deep River
Bobby Kytte – Madison	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford	Brian Ahern – Chester
Joshua Painter – Essex	Andy Kressey – Essex
Chris Going – Essex	Aron Schumacher – Essex
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Paul Fazzino, Jr – Essex
Tom Risom – Old Lyme	Steve Biasi – North Madison
Kim Brainard – Chester	John Brainard - Chester

**Special Presentations:**

NONE

**Approval of the previous meeting minutes:**

A MMS (Budney/Fazzino, Jr) to accept the December 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 (Budney/Johnson). Motion passed unanimously.

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## **Bills to be paid:**

NONE

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

### State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced if any department has not already sent Kevin McManus your department equipment inventory to please send Kevin that information as soon as possible.

### Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

### Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report

### Website:

No Report

### Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

### Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report



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## Accountability SOP

No Report

## RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

## Incident Command SOG

No Report

## Nomination Committee

Deputy Chief Jim Budney announced the nomination of the following three individuals for Valley Shore officers for 2018:

President – Paul Fazzino

Vice President – Mike Jenkins

Secretary/Treasurer – Steve Biasi

Deputy Chief Jim Budney made a motion to close the nominations and accept the presented slate of Officers. Rick Swan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Deputy Chief Jim Budney announced the auditing of the financial records also should be completed. The financial audit will occur during the February monthly meeting.

## **Old Business:**

No Report



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## **New Business:**

Deputy Chief Jim Budney of Deep River announced Deep River recently held their officer elections and the following individuals were elected:

Chief – Tim Lee  
Deputy Chief – Jim Budney  
Assistant Chief – Steven Budney  
Assistant Chief – Bob Raymond

Chief Joe Johnson announced Old Saybrook recent held their officer elections and the following individuals were elected:

Chief - Joe Johnson  
Deputy Chief Steve Lesko  
Assistant Chief Tom Listorti  
Assistant Chief Will Heiney

Deputy Chief Chris Going of Essex announced with the various RIT course many departments and fire departments have attended Essex is proposed to having a meeting with a representative from all the departments in Valley Shore that operate a RIT team attend an upcoming meeting to work towards uniform procedures in order to standardize RIT operations so if on RIT member from one department is needed to work with a RIT member from another department both members, especially during these highly skilled and highly tense situations, are operating in sync and in accordance with a standardize procedure.

Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. of Essex announced the goal is to get uniform procedures across all RIT departments and have refresher RIT training and if possible get additional RIT members.

Captain Andy Kressley of Essex added another goal is to also categorize different RIT tasks and conducted much needed refresher training.

Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. of Essex announced Essex will take the lead on this program and the training will occur over multiple weekends and having multiple RIT departments host the training.

## **Interest to the Organization:**

Chief Bobby Kytte of Madison announced Madison is operating on new radio towers an will now longer be operating on 46.06. Chief Kytte announced by

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March he will provide to Chief Manware the new frequencies and channels. These changes will include both Madison and North Madison. State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan inquired with the attendees as to which departments are still operating on low band. The attendees announced the closest department remaining on low band is East Haddam.

Chief Paul Fazzino Jr. announced Essex operates with high band radios, however, the truck repeaters is transmitted to Valley Shore communications using low band.

Paul Fazzino Jr. of Essex thanked all the departments that provided assistance during the recent fire at Nasal Industries

Deputy Chief Jim Budney requested departments bring their fire department incentive programs next month in order to provide assist other department with developing new incentive programs.

Chief Tom Risom of Old Lyme is also seeking incentive programs so please bring you programs.

MMS to at 20:25 hours (Johnson/Fazzino, Jr).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Biasi*

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 in Clinton at 7:30 pm.