

Minutes of the February 25, 2019 VSMAI meeting in Clinton, CT.

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

Attendees – February 25, 2019

William Cusson – Westbrook	Mike Jenkins – Westbrook
John Brainard – Chester	Sam Baber – Haddam
Darryl Ward – Madison	Chris Going – Essex
Mike Neff – Clinton	Brian Manware – Clinton
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Charlie Herrschaft – Guilford
Steve Budney – Deep River	Bobby Kytte- Madison
Ethan Goller – Essex	James Budney – Deep River
Mark DeCillis – North Madison	Andy Kressley – Essex
Don Venuti – Killingworth	Dick Bauer – Killingworth
Chip Morgan – Killingworth	Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook
James Dion – Old Saybrook	Mike Shove – Guilford
Tom Risom – Old Lyme	Charles Greeney – Chester
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi – North Madison

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Baber/Budney) to accept the January 28, 2019 minutes was made. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$1,411.35, with \$0.00 of income and \$80.00 of bills or payments. The ending balance is

\$1,331.35. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Jenkins).
Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

Secretary of State annual filing fee - \$50.00

Bank of America Service fees (December 2018 and January 2019) - \$30.00

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

No Report

All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Haddam Fire Chief Sam Baber reported Haddam and East Haddam are nearing agreement. Once the agreements is completed Haddam will have updated frequencies and channel designations.

Website:

No Report

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

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee (Clinton Chief Brian Manware, Old Saybrook Assistant Chief James Dion and Old Saybrook Deputy Chief Steve Lesko) met with the Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting and conducted a 2018 financial review.

Old Business:

Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney thanked Paul, Steve and Mike for continuing in their Valley Shore positions for 2019.

President Fazzino inquired with the attendees if all the valley shore chiefs are in favor of automatically dispatching the dive teams. No apparent issues or concerns. Fire Coordinator Rick Swan is working with Durham and Middlefield to coordinate the dive teams.

Chief Dick Bauer of Killingworth requested the department chiefs have the discretion to whom to dispatch (South District or Guilford). He prefers the decision remain with each department chief or officer in charge.

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan reported good turnout in support of the Middlesex County Fire School. South District hosted the meeting with many elected officials.

New Business:

Guilford Assistant Chief Mike Shove thanks the department representatives and chiefs that recently attended the NASH meeting. Chief Shove recommended department representatives/chiefs also attend the REPT (Regional Emergency Planning Team) meetings.

President Paul Fazzino strongly suggested representatives, officers and or chiefs attend these meetings. NASH East covers 350 square miles and there is many funds available to support our needs, training and operations.

Interest to the Organization:

No Report

MMS to at 20:00 hours (Jenkins/Budney).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019 in Deep River at 7:30 pm.