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Minutes of the February 26, 2020 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 26, 2020

Mike Jenkins – Westbrook	Darryl Ward – Madison
Mike Carri – Killingworth	Todd Hajek – Killingworth
Ethan Goller – Essex	Aron Schumacher – Essex
James Budney – Deep River	Charles Greeney, Jr. – Chester
Steven Budney – Deep River	Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Jake Manke – DEMHS
Andy Kressley – Essex	Chris Going – Essex
Mike Dunn – JLM Rescue	Steve Super – Old Lyme
Brian Manware – Clinton	Sam Baber – Haddam
Steve Biasi – North Madison	Paul Fazzino - Essex

Special Presentations:

1. Jake Manke, Region 2 Director from DEMHS, presented an update on Connecticut's radio system and operability between departments and the five regions.

2. Michael Dunn, Fire and Safety Specialist from JLN Rescue, announced an upcoming Firefighter Rescue weekend that will provide training in various rescue operations including rope usage and high angle rescue. The dates to be determined.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Jenkins/Hajek) to accept the January 27, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Two correction for the February meeting minutes were identified concerning the Deep River officer changes and the meeting location. The Secretary noted the changes and will update the posted February meeting minutes.

Reading of communications:

None



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Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$1,587.86, with \$0.00 of income and \$50.00 of bills, service charges or payments. The ending balance is \$1,537.86. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Jenkins). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced the State Bonding Commission has not approved the funding for the Middlesex County Fire School (action is still pending) and the funding may be impacted by the State's decision not to proceed further with highway tolls.

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced approximately \$2 million in funding has been appropriated for the ongoing foam issues; approximately \$800,000 for disposal and approximately \$1.2 million for ground testing where foam has been used. Currently, there are three pending vendors to purchase new foam.

All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report



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Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

Killingworth provided an updated tanker shuttle assignment chart for updating the Valley Shore Mutual Aid SOP.

Clinton Chief Brian Manaware announced Clinton has changes and will provide the updated information.

Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

Accountability SOP

No Report

RIT/Mayday SOG Review

No Report

Incident Command SOG

No Report



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Field Day

Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney announced he plans to meet with Old Lyme's Fire Chief Steve Super to coordinate the field day event with Old Lyme's upcoming anniversary celebration.

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No Report

Old Business:

President Fazzino announced the Radio SOP was established in 2010 but was not formalized and was not posted to the Valley Shore website.

President Fazzino reminded everyone the "incident" town would decide on what channel to operate their incidents. Mutual aid (incoming responding towns/departments) should operate on their own channel(s) while getting their resources established to respond to the mutual aid incident. Only one unit (officer or unit) from the mutual aid responding town/department should be communicating with the "incident's" Incident Commander and the dispatch center handling the incident.

President Fazzino announced the Radio SOP should be reviewed by each department, and upon approval, the organization will vote to approve, apply a SOP number and distribute to all the dispatch centers (Old Saybrook, Valley Shore, Madison, Guilford, Clinton)

Clinton Chief Brian Manware follow up on Chief Bauer's radio conversation in North Madison regarding departments going to the 800 frequency. Aside from Haddam, Chief Manware inquired as to whether any other departments are going to the 800 frequency? According to the attendees, the Middlesex Medics, East Haddam, Middlefield and Durham are going to 800 frequency.

President Fazzino announced Senator Needleman found approximately \$1.7 grant money for possibly three towns, but without the funding,



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towns/selectmen/selectwomen will not be able to fund these projects. For the time being, towns will need to crossband between 800/UHF similar to past years of crossbanding between low band and UHF. Currently, Valley Shore is building out five 800 towers and the towers will cross over to the UHF. Upon completion, Valley Shore intends to build out ten towers.

New Business:

No Report

Interest to the Organization:

President Fazzino announced the State is looking to remove sales tax for purchasing fire department equipment and announced legislative updates.

MMS to at 20:35 hours (Hakek/Jenkins).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, March 23, 2020 in Deep River at 7:30 pm.