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Minutes of the July 27, 2020 VSMAI meeting in Madison, CT.

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

Attendees – July 27, 2020

Bobby Kytte – Madison	Greg Carroll – Madison
Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Mark Decillis – North Madison
Kevin McManus – Coordinator	James Budney – Deep River
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Andy Kressley – Essex
Dick Bauer – Killingworth	Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
Brian Manware – Clinton	Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator
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Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Neff/Bauer) to accept the June 22, 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer’s report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,337.86, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 of bills, service charges or payments. The ending balance is \$3,337.86. MMS to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Johnson/Bauer). Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid:

None



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2020 Dues Payments Received:

1. Clinton
2. Essex
3. Deep River
4. Killingworth
5. Westbrook
6. North Madison
7. Chester
8. Guilford
9. Haddam
10. North Madison
11. Old Saybrook

Committee report(s):

State Fire Coordinator's Report:

State Fire Coordinator introduced Coordinator Kevin McManus. Coordinator McManus requested if anyone has any fire department inventory issues to please contact and update him. Coordinator McManus announced another inventory request would be forthcoming.

All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Clinton Chief Brian Manware announced everything is okay at this time.

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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

Field Day

No Report

NASH

No Report



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Old Business:

President Fazzino reminded department representatives to complete the mutual aid agreements and submit them to the President and Secretary. The agreements will be posted on the Valley Shore website.

Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney announced the water company is working on the water main issues and determined the lines are not able to maintain more than 150psi during the day.

Clinton Chief Brian Manware opened dialogue regarding the 2019 dive team Valley Shore discussion. With the four recent water rescue/recovery incidents, a document was drafted and circulated amongst the Valley Shore Chiefs concerning dive team incident requests. President Fazzino read the Valley Shore letter previously sent to the dispatch centers that cover the Valley Shore towns. President Fazzino announced he would resend the letter out to all the Valley Shore chiefs.

Clinton Chief Brian Manware announced Guilford Assistant Chief Mike Shove sent out a survey to the fire departments looking to obtain each department's water/dive assets. Chief Manware reminded everyone that each dive team in the greater Valley Shore area has different capabilities and they should familiarize themselves with those capabilities.

Killingworth Chief Dick Bauer inquired with the attendees as to what departments currently have drones. Essex, Guilford and Deep River announced they have drones or have the access to a drone.

New Business:

Old Saybrook Chief Joe Johnson announced the Old Saybrook Board of Finance requested he, on their behalf, inquire with Valley Shore Mutual Aid as to whether the organization would like to take over a soon-to-be replace fire engine. Old Saybrook is in the process of purchasing two new engines. The expected delivery for both engines is approximately one year. The soon-to-be replace engine will require a location/facility to house the unit.



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Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney opened discussion on tax abatements. Most towns offer \$1,000.00 tax abatements. It was announced the State of Connecticut approved increasing the tax abatement to \$1,500.00.

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan welcomed Fire Coordinator Kevin McManus back to another Valley Shore meeting to review the new portable radios. Fire Coordinator Kevin McManus welcomed the invitation and announced he is the technology manager for Everbridge of Connecticut. If anyone has questions or needs information concerning Everbridge please contact Fire Coordinator McManus.

Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney inquired with President Fazzino if he had any success with locating a company for the water signs. President Fazzino stated he did locate a company and would pass that information along.

Killingworth Chief Dick Bauer inquired with the attendees if any wide spread testing will be available to first responders for COVID-19. State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced only one location is still available in Hartford but there may be long wait times. Guilford Chief Charles Herrschaft announced Guilford was using the Walgreens store in Middletown and the results were available in 15 minutes. At this time, there is no formal testing for first responders supported by the State of Connecticut. Currently, first responders are on the tier 2 list and the tier 1 list is currently active.

Interest to the Organization:

Essex Assistant Chief Andy Kressley inquired if there was any updated information regarding the heavy rescue course/class. Guilford Chief Charles Herrschaft announced the class/course dates are being work out.

MMS to at 20:16 hours (Bauer/Neff).



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Respectfully Submitted,

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The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, August 24, 2020 in North Madison at 7:30 pm.

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