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Minutes of the February 22, 2021 VSMAI meeting via Zoom.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

Attendees – February 22, 2021

Paul Fazzino - Essex	Bobby Kytte - Madison
Greg Carroll - Madison	Joe Johnson – Old Saybrook
Kevin McManus – Fire Coordinator	Josh Painter – Old Saybrook
Tim Lee – Deep River	Rick Swan – Fire Coordinator
Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook	Sam Baber - Haddam
Peter Linder – Essex	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Charles Herrschaft - Guilford	Mike Carri - Killingworth
Gabe Balsamo – North Madison	Steve Biasi - Unaffiliated

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Johnson/Baber) to accept the January 25, 2021 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of communications:

None

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported an opening balance of \$3,937.86, with \$0.00 of income and \$0.00 of bills, service charges or payments. The ending balance is \$3,937.86. MMS to accept the Treasurer's report as presented (Baber/Johnson). Motion passed unanimously.



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Bills to be paid:

None

Committee report(s):

Fire Coordinator's Reports:

Middlesex County Fire Coordinator Kevin McManus reported there has been recent foam announcements and information on the state ListServ. Coordinator McManus reported a good response from chiefs and officers to update the department lists. The updated Middlesex County and Valley Shore Chief's list will be used to also update the C-TIC (intelligence center), fire coordinator's lists and the state fire plan. All the contacts will be under one lists so multiple list will not have to be updated in multiple locations. Coordinator McManus announced the visual versions of the task force lists are being updated including the checklist for each task force.

President Fazzino announced there is pending legislation that will provide funding to collect the PSAF foam

State Fire Coordinator Rick Swan announced an email to President Fazzino with a PowerPoint presentation on the dash cards for the new radios. Wayne Grumblin, from of Region 4, created the presentation and is an excellent resource for anyone that needs a refresher on using the radios. Wayne is also available to conduct training for anyone that is interested.

President Fazzino will get the email and presentation out to everyone.

All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

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Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

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Tanker Strike Team SOP:

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Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

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Accountability SOP

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RIT/Mayday SOG Review

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Incident Command SOG

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Field Day



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No Report

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No report

Old Business:

President Fazzino opened discussion with Deep River Chief Tim Lee regarding pension plans. Chief Lee requested pension information/details from other Valley Shore towns. Chief Lee has an upcoming Fire Commissioners meeting on March 1, 2021 to review and discuss Deep River's pension plan. Chester Chief Grzybowski provided information for Chester.

President Fazzino announced he would forward Essex's pension information and will send along Essex's fire department representative to the town retirement committee. President Fazzino also announced Killingworth and Madison/North Madison recently reviewed and updated (or are currently updating) their pension plans. Killingworth approved \$1,500 for firefighters that met the fire department requirements and firefighter/EMT would receive an additional \$500. Mike Carri from Killingworth confirmed this information.

Old Saybrook Chief Joe Johnson announced Old Saybrook's tax abatement remains at one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Chief Johnson announced Old Saybrook is going to the town this year to increase the abatement to \$1,500. Chief Johnson announced prior to former President Trump leaving office, he signed legislation reverting the tax abatements back to non-taxable. Chief Johnson announced he will send out information regarding the legislation.

Madison Chief Bobby Kyttle announced one of his officers sent pension information to Chief Lee regarding Madison's changes.

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New Business:

President Fazzino announced new fire department regionalization studies were recently issued with the results making it more difficult for town to regionalize their fire department. The studies were conducted with focus on dispatch centers. They plan to do additional studies.

President Fazzino announced the following additional proposed legislation:

1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) purchases will be tax exempt.
2. Reimbursement for training classes.
3. Surcharges on insurance for firefighter training.
4. Regional Fire School funding increases.
5. Funding construction for a new Middlesex County Fire School.
6. Expand PTSD coverage to include dispatchers and EMS personnel.

Interest to the Organization:

President Fazzino announced the following upcoming fire training course:

1. Firefighter I – Old Saybrook – Started – one week completed.
2. Firefighter II – Westfield
3. Firefighter I – Middlefield

Please send applications to Jay Woron at the Middlesex County Fire School for the training course.

President requested nominations for the annual Valley Shore Nominating Committee. Old Saybrook Chief Joe Johnson was nominated and appointed to the committee. Chief Johnson made a motion to nominate the following officers for 2021:

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Fire Coordinator Rick Swan requested to close the nominations and second the motion. The motion to accept the nominated officers for 2021 was approved unanimously.

MMS to at 20:15 hours (Johnson/Baber).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, March 22, 2021 via Zoom at 7:30 pm.