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## Minutes of the March 22, 2021 VSMAI meeting via Zoom.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 19:40 hours.

### Attendees – March 22, 2021

Paul Fazzino - Essex	Andy Kressley – Essex
Greg Carroll - Madison	Aron Schumacher – Essex
James Grzybowski – Chester	Mike Shove – Guilford
William Cusson – Westbrook	Rick Swan – Fire Coordinator
Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook	Mark DeCillis – North Madison
Charles Herrschaft - Guilford	Mike Carri - Killingworth
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### Special Presentations:

None

### Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Cusson/Grzybowski) to accept the February 22, 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 (Kressley/Cusson). Motion passed unanimously.

### Bills to be paid:

None



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## Committee report(s):

### Fire Coordinator's Reports:

President Fazzino requested each department send their fire officer contact information to Kevin McManus as soon as possible for the Everbridge notification system.

President Fazzino announced many towns should anticipate CARES Act funding and many towns have been pleasantly surprised by the unexpected amounts. Apparently, some towns are using the funding to improve their water supply systems

Chester Chief James Grzybowski inquired if anyone was aware of the funding guidelines and specification as to how the funding can get utilized.

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan stated there are specification that town attorneys have discovered. Coordinator Swan announced he will attempt to locate the specifications and will send them out to everyone, however, at this time, towns can use the funding for water and sewer systems.

### All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

### Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

### Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

No Report



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No Report

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Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report

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Tanker Fill Site Setup SOP:

No Report

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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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## Old Business:

President Fazzino announced the following Connecticut legislature updates:

1. Funding for regional fire schools is moving forward.
2. Funding for PTSD is moving forward.

Additionally, various pending legislation and state funded studies are ongoing in numerous legislative committees including another fire department regionalization study that may impact legislation to allow fire departments and dispatch centers to regionalize.

## New Business:

President Fazzino opened discussion regarding restarting in-person monthly Valley Shore meetings with COVID-19 starting to subside. President Fazzino requested feedback and thoughts from the meeting participants. Many attendees acknowledged their departments have resumed in-person activities including training and meetings.

President Fazzino with the support of all meeting attendees agreed to resume in-person meetings starting next month (April 26, 2021) in Essex.

## Interest of the Organization:

Chester Chief James Grzybowski thanked all the mutual fire departments that assisted with their structure fire and announced the Valley Shore organization is second to none in the state. Chief Grzybowski announced fire attack teams encountered hoarding issues during the fire but Chester was on scene within two and half minutes from the fire alarm tones.

Essex Deputy Chief Andy Kressley inquired with Guilford Chief Charlie Herrschaft if the previously canceled heavy rescue/RIT training will get rescheduled for this upcoming fall. Chief Herrschaft anticipates the training getting scheduled for some time after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Fazzino announced ongoing Firefighter I and Firefighter II courses.



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MMS to at 20:00 hours (Grzybowski/Swan).

Respectfully Submitted,

*Steve Biasi*

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The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, April 26, 2021 in Essex (in-person) at 7:30 pm.