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Minutes of the April 26, 2021 VSMAI meeting in Essex.

President Paul Fazzino called the meeting to order at 20:10 hours.

Attendees – April 26, 2021

James Budney – Deep River	Sam Baber – Haddam
Rick Swan – State Fire Coordinator	Robert Parkerson – Essex
Peter Lindner – Essex	Gary Mitchel – Essex
Michael Neff – Clinton	Brian Manware – Clinton
Richard Bauer – Killingworth	Chris Going – Essex
John Planas – Essex	Steve Lesko – Old Saybrook
Charles Herrschaft – Guilford	Joshua Painter – Essex
Andy Kressley – Essex	Ethan Goller – Essex
Paul Fazzino – Essex	Steve Biasi

Special Presentations:

None

Approval of the previous meeting minutes:

A MMS (Baber/Kressley) to accept the March 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 (Baber/Budney). Motion passed unanimously.

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Bills to be paid:

None

Committee report(s):

Fire Coordinator's Reports:

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan reported some fire departments are not waiting for support and direction from the State of Connecticut and are shipping their PSAF foam to a landfill in Arizona. If any department is interested in shipping their foam please contact Fire Coordinator Swan for information on price/cost quotes.

All Hands Call Committee:

No Report

Regional Preparation/Pre-Planning:

No Report

Radio Frequency/Communications Committee

Clinton Chief Brian Manware announced no new radio updates within Valley Shore, however, East Haven is now using digital radios but still using UHF.

Website:

No Report

Tanker Strike Team SOP:

No Report



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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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NASH

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Old Business:

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President Fazzino opened discussion regarding the draft All Call for Manpower SOG. Clinton Chief Brian Manware reminded President Fazzino the draft SOG was finalized on March 7, 2019. Killingworth Chief Richard Bauer inquired whether the SOG defines an interior firefighter. President Fazzino reminded

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everyone the definition of an interior firefighter is define in other SOGs including the RIT SOG. President Fazzino added the SOG is for firefighters but the organization may want to consider expanding the SOG to include fire officers.

The concern with insurance coverage for responding firefighters was discussed and it was explained that responding firefighters have insurance coverage through the mutual aid agreements and Connecticut state laws.

President Fazzino announced Guilford will be hosting their annual HazMat refresher training on May 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. Attendees are only required to attend one day.

New Business:

Deep River Deputy Chief James Budney announced Deep River received a grant through the water company to obtain new slow closing manifolds. Deputy Chief Budney announced they work well with 2 ½ inch but the closing time with the 5 inch takes over 30 seconds to close. Deep River is looking for the means to reduce the closing time for the 5 inch manifolds.

Essex Assistant Chief Andy Kressley announced Essex also order new 2 inch slow closing manifolds.

Essex Assistant Chief Andy Kressley announced following the meeting tonight Essex will present a PowerPoint presentation for their new boat.

Interest of the Organization:

Fire Coordinator Rick Swan inquired as to whether the CARES money informational email was distributed to the organization. President Fazzino announced the email was distributed. Guilford Chief Charles Herrschaft explained the CARES funding allows for a wide range of options except for pension funding, medical costs and a few other exceptions.



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President Fazzino announced the State of Connecticut is funding the state fire schools at the same levels as last year and funding for the new Middlesex County Fire School is not likely.

Haddam Chief Sam Baber announced Haddam received its new brush truck and the old brush truck was sold at auction.

Killingworth Chief Richard Bauer made a motion to donate \$250 to the Wayne Vetre Memorial Scholarship.

MMS to at 20:45 hours (Budney/Baber).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Biasi

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Secretary/Treasurer

The next meeting is Valley Shore meeting is Monday, May 24, 2021 in Guilford at 7:30 pm.