BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday October 7, 2025
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Monthly Meeting

Commissioners present: Tim Reynolds, John Cotter, Craig Mansfield (joined via Phone)
Guests Present: Irene Haines, Brian Auld, Don Angersola

1. **Called to order** at 5:03 pm by Tim Reynolds and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**:
   a. Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on 09/09/2025 as presented was made by John Cotter, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Bill Approvals:**
   a. Bills to be paid were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the invoices as presented and discussed by Tim Reynolds, seconded by John Cotter. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Budget Recap:**
   a. John Cotter provided a budget recap noting the departments to-date spending. To date for the 2025-26 budget year started with $734,884 and to date we have spent $171,892.24 leaving us a remaining amount of $562,991.76. This is a total of 23% spend to date.

5. **Old Business:**
   a. Radios status quo.
   b. Tango-Tango waiting on parts to bring the ops channel online.
   c. Have not gotten any request for radios for new Career staff but they have been added to active 911.
   d. Company 2 update – Trying to get a tour set up for the Bristol FD. Project is moving forward at a rapid pace. An email was sent looking for information on gear wash, air compressors, etc.
   e. Active 911 has had an issue that is being worked through.

6. **Selectman's Report:**
   a. Nothing to update currently

7. **Visitors Participation:**
   a. None

8. **Reports:**
   a. Medical Division Report: See below
   b. Career Staff Report: No report
   c. Marine Division Report: No report.
   d. Fire Marshal's Report: See below
   e. Fire Police Division Report: No report.

f. Junior Division Report: See below
g. Recruitment Division Report: No report
h. Public Relations Report: See below
i. Special Events Report: No report
j. Fire Chief's Report: See below

9. Building & Equipment Reports:

a. Building Report: Garage doors repaired.
b. Fire Equipment and Maintenance Report: See Chiefs Report
c. Radio Equipment Report: Discussed in minutes above.

10. Correspondence:

a. None

11. New Business:

a. John Cotter walked Wildwood site and identified that between cottages 19 and 20 was a good place for a standpipe. The issue is the distance from the water and the fact that the State lowers the lake as much as 3 feet at times. John Cotter talked to an Engineer and the water levels are about 10 feet below the head of the pipe. The run from the head to the water is estimated to be about 150ft or so. John Cotter to wait for water level to drop and measure where the pipe needs to be. Don Angersola mentioned that it may be a good option for a holding tank. John Cotter noted there is a good space behind the pump house for a tank. After discussion, pipe would be the easiest and most cost effective. Team will do a site walk.
b. Don Angersola raised the issue of the standpipe at Grove Street. Group agreed since the old one has not worked for a long time, the best thing is to put in a new shorter pipe.
c. John Cotter noted that budgets are going to be due in January so we need to think about starting the process.

12. Adjournment:

a. Motion to adjourn at 5:37 pm made by John Cotter, seconded by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
10/30/2025

REPORTS

Medical Division Report: Melanie Kolek
- R1 Responses near 100%
- Sept 15 Diabetic Emergency Training and AED Training
- Ambulance training update done by Chris was excellent
- Overdose training in Oct.
- 2nd Med bags for utility vehicles
- New EMT's coming up to Speed

Career Staff Report: No report submitted.

Marine Report: No report submitted.

Fire Marshal: Submitted by Don Angersola
- Received plans for new Gas Station to go in across from Dutch's on RT 149
- Brownell's tore down the building that was falling down
- Final inspection done at Jimmy's
- Fire Prevention this week.
- Banner Lodge has people living in it
- Lakeside Dans had been shut down by health department.

Fire Police Division Report: No report submitted.

Junior Division Report: Submitted by Michele Walker
- Providing rides to two Juniors in EMR class
- One new Junior being brought to membership tonight
- Program continues to grow

Recruitment Division Report: No report submitted

Public Relations Report:
- Articles pending in paper (note from the chief and swearing in of new career staff)
- Vial of life program in the works for town residents
- New first in bags being embroidered
- Working on an official name for the R1 team

Special Events Report: No report submitted.

Fire Chief's Report: Submitted by Brian Auld

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOFC OCTOBER 7TH 2025

CALLS SEPTEMBER 2025

ONE	UNKNOWN FIRE
ONE	OUTSIDE FIRE
TWO	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
FOUR	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
TEN	FIRE ALARM
THIRTY SEVEN	MEDICAL R-1

55 TOTAL CALLS SEPTEMBER

PERSONNEL

Please wish the following personnel luck in the classes they are currently enrolled in:

- Junior Firefighters Dylan Miller and John Mason – enrolled in EMR
- Junior firefighter Ryan Solovei is enrolled in firefighter 1 and 2
- Lieutenant Nate Botting – enrolled in Fire Instructor 2 and has also passed Confined Space Training
- Firefighter Spencer Laddy-Locks and Engineer Justin Kolasinski are enrolled in Firefighter 2
- Lieutenant Eric Walker – enrolled in Rope Rescue
- Captain Ryan Miner – enrolled in Fire Officer One

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- One Junior Firefighter is being promoted to Senior member
- One Junior candidate is in the interview process
- New recruitment brochures are in the printing process at an outside vendor

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TRAINING

- Tuesday October 14th 18:00 hrs– Flashover Training at Schuster Park in Colchester – instructed by Captain Kyle Mosig
- Tuesday October 21st 18:30 hrs – Tanker Shuttle with our mutual aid partners instructed by Captain Neil Mosig and Lieutenant Jimmy Spirito
- Valley Shore has offered (2) two trainings with the department
  1) personnel to tour the facility
  2) hands on training in the firehouse

EVENTS

- **MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE CHIEF'S MEETING**
  Tomorrow – Wednesday October 8th 18:00 Company #1

- **FLAG REMOVAL AND WREATH INSTALL**
  After Veterans Day flags will be removed and holiday wreaths are to go up
  Details will be sent on Active 911 by Lieutenant Jimmy Spirito

- **PROJECT SAFE HALLOWEEN**
  October 31st
  Details will be sent on Active 911 by Captain Neil Mosig

- **CAR WASH HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6TH**
  Raised $3,717 dollars
  Special thank you to all residents who donated, Captain Neil Mosig for leading the event, and to all those who participated

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APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

- **HOSE AND LADDER TESTING**
  Tomorrow – Wednesday October 8th and Thursday October 9th at Brownell's

- **TOOL LABELING AND ENGRAVING**
  Is being conducted by Lieutenant Jimmy Spirito

- **SCBA BATTERIES HAVE BEEN ORDERED**
  And Career Staff will be changing out old batteries

- **REPLACEMENT APPARATUS COMMITTEE**
  Captain Ryan Miner is heading the apparatus replacement committee
  A specification is to be created for the two new apparatus that are replacing the existing 4 obsolete, out of date, and frankly dangerous apparatus that are currently in our fleet

- **REFUELING OF CHAINSAWS AND SMALL EQUIPMENT**
  Ethanol free gas is to be used only

- **REFUELING OF APPRATUS**
  Is to be completed when apparatus is at ¾
  Apparatus fuel levels are to be checked by the career staff every Friday and when returning from Maintenance

- **NEW STIHL RESCUE CHAINSAW**
  Has been purchased and placed in service on Engine 4-15

- **TWO SECTIONS OF HARD SUCTION AT COMPANY # 1**
  Are in the process of being repaired or replaced

- **APPARATUS MAINTENANCE**
  Service is in the process of being scheduled for:

  Engine 4-15 - drag links need to be replaced / batteries have been replaced

  Tanker 2-15 - has a reoccurring check engine light

Engine 2-15 - has a leaking cross lay

Utility 2-15 - Head gaskets are to be replaced in the near future

Marine 1 & 3 - Preventative maintenance on motors will be completed in house and a work party organized by Captain Miner will be put in place to paint Marine 3-15

ATV - Preventative maintenance is to be scheduled

Buffalo - Captain Miner is researching vendors to make the Buffalo mechanically sound

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MEDICAL DIVISION

- **NON CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**
  Any personnel that is not a state certified EMR or EMT may not report to a Medical call
  Exception is lift assists

FROM ME

- ***MICHAEL AHERN AND JASON PRESCOTT***
  Are our newest (2) two fulltime career firefighters
  For the first time ever, I will have the privilege of swearing them in at tonight's monthly department meeting