BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Tim Reynolds, John Cotter, Craig Mansfield
Guests Present: Brian Auld, Ray Swol

1. **Called to order** at 5:09 pm by Tim Reynolds and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**:
   a. Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 05/13/2025 as presented 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 Craig Mansfield, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Recap:
   a. John Cotter provided a budget recap noting the departments to-date spending. To date, for the 2024-25 budget year we started the year with $591,898 and have spent $459,918.32, leaving us with a remaining amount of $131,979.68. Spent 77.7% to date.

5. Old Business:
   a. Craig Mansfield will work with Don Angersola and Ray Swol to schedule dates for walk throughs of the schools with all personnel for familiarization walk.
   b. Med Radio order was approved by Chris Leidemer and ordered by Craig Mansfield on June 2. UHF radio is being reinstalled from the old rescue.
   c. RFP for the brush truck is with Linda Zemienieski to go out. Should follow up with Lyme if they are still interested in buying a similar truck.
   d. Craig Mansfield still working on the Consultant RFP.
   e. Fire Police radios need to be changed out. Bob Bennett was going to get back to Craig Mansfield with a date.
   f. The new firehouse committee monies to move forward with the design were approved at town meeting. On Friday Craig Mansfield received SPA AIA for review and signature. At this week's Board of Selectmen meeting, Walt Parkus will be appointed a full member and Ed Blaschik will be added to the committee as the 5th full member. One alternate position still open.

6. Selectman's Report:
   a. None

7. Visitors Participation:

a. None

8. Reports:

a. Medical Division Report: No report
b. Career Staff Report: See below.
c. Marine Division Report: No report.
d. Fire Marshal's Report: No report
e. Fire Police Division Report: No report.
f. Junior Division Report: No report
g. Recruitment Division Report: See below
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: Generator being tested tonight.
b. Fire Equipment and Maintenance Report: In Chief's report.
c. Radio Equipment Report: Discussed in minutes above.

10. Correspondence:

a. None

11. New Business:

a. Budget failed referendum. Boards will be meeting on how to move forward. We will be locked at the 24-25 budget with no approved capital until a budget passes. Craig Mansfield noted that we should be prepared where to cut if there is a request from the Board of Selectmen.

12. Adjournment:

a. Motion to adjourn at 5:29 pm made by John Cotter, second by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
06/30/2025

REPORTS

Medical Division Report: No Report Submitted

Career Staff Report: Submitted by Chris Leidemer
- Interviews for career staff will be held this month.

Marine Report: No report submitted.

Fire Marshal: No report submitted.

Junior Division Report: No report submitted.

Recruitment Division Report: Submitted by Toni Myers

- No new members this month.
- Recruitment signs are out around town and working on cards to be places around business.

Public Relations Report: Submitted by Toni Myers

- Weekly articles are going into East Haddam News
- Was an article in the Events magazine about brushfires and two other articles.

Special Events Report: No report submitted.

Fire Chief's Report: Submitted by Brian Auld

CALLS FOR SERVICE MAY:

ONE	RESCUE
TWO	BRUSH FIRE
TWO	CARBON MONOXIDE EMERGENCY
THREE	ELECTRICAL POLE EMERGENCY
THREE	PUBLIC SERVICE
FIVE	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
EIGHTEEN	FIRE ALARM
FORTY ONE	MEDICAL R-1

75 TOTAL CALLS MAY 2025 / INCREASE OF 31 CALLS LY MAY 2024

PERSONNEL:

- **FIREFIGHTER 1 DURHAM-**
  - IN GREAT SHAPE - ZACH UHLMAN MADE (SQUAD LEADER)

TRAINING:

- **NEXT DRILL** –
  - LIVE BURN 6/10
  - ARRIVE SCHUSTER PARK AT 18:00 / WITH A LIGHT OFF AT 18:30
  - CPT K MOSIG TO ADMINISTER ALL REMINDER MESSAGES

EVENTS:

- **MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY MAY 26TH**
  - GREAT TURNOUT, LOOKED SHARP, AND THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICPATED
  - OUTSTANDING JOB TO LT SPIRITO FOR LEADING THE CADENCE

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT:

- **LADDER 1-15 TNT BATTERIES**
  - WERE FOUND BY LT BOYNTON ½ CHARGED

- **ESO**
  - IS BACK UP AND RUNNING AFTER MANY UPDATES

- **HOSE AND LADDER TESTING**
  - SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH

- **APPARATUS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**
  - IS BEING COMPLETED BY CPT SWOL

- **UTILITY 2-15**
  - TURBO HAS BEEN REPLACED AND IS BACK IN SERVICE

- **ENGINE 6**
  - WARNING LIGHT SWITCH NEEDS TO BE REPLACED

- **NEW MARINE UNIT**
  - LIGHTING AND SIREN PACKAGE ARE COMPLETE
  - THANK YOU TO CAPTAIN NEIL MOSIG
  - LETTERING HAS BEEN ORDERED BY LT BOYNTON AND HAS BEEN INSTALLED
  - MARINE 2 IS READY FOR SERVICE

- **GAS METER CHARGERS**

- ONE GAS METER AND TWO CHARGERS ARE OUT OF SERVICE
- AND ARE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REPLACED BY THE VENDOR

- **RESCUE 1-15 AND JET SKI**
  - ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING ADDED TO THE SURPLUS LIST
  - THE TOWN WILL REPURPOSE THE SMALL ZODIAC AND THE OUTBOARDS
  - ALL TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND BACKSTOCKED/REPURPOSED FROM THE RESCUE AND THE JET SKI

- **LEAF BLOWERS**
  - (2) TWO LEAF BLOWERS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR BRUSH FIRES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON APPARATUS

- **EXTERIOR SIGN CO #1**
  - REPLACEMENT STRIP LIGHT HAS BEEN ORDERED FOR REPLACEMENT

DON ANGERSOLA HAS BEEN SENT THE FOLLOWING REPAIR REQUESTS:

- **REPAIR TO MEETING ROOM DOOR AT CO #1**
- **APRON LINE REQUEST FOR COMPANY #1**
- **INTERIOR LIGHT ISSUE AT CO # 1**

FROM ME:

- **VACATION**
  - I WILL BE ON VACATION THE FIRST AND SECOND WEEK OF JUNE
  - DEPUTY SWOL WILL BE IN CHARGE

- **THANK YOU TO:**
  - ED AND NANCY SMITH FOR PLACING FLAGS ON ALL PAST MEMBERS GRAVES FOR THEIR MILITARY SERVICE
  - THANK YOU TO DEPUTY SWOL FOR PLACING FLAGS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN

- **ARIZONA VORTEX**
  – AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN MYSELF / AND COLCHESTER CHIEF STEVE HOFFMAN FOR TRAINING SWAP

- **CO FORMS**
  - WILL BE PLACED IN ALL APPARATUS AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE FILLED OUT FOR ALL CALLS AND STAPLED TO PAPER RUN REPORT

- **HYDRANT**
  - SPENCER HAS COMPLETED THE PAINTING OF THE HYDRANT

- WE WILL BE PLACING IT BY THE FLAG POLE AS A MEMORIAL TO DONNIE TYRSECK AND JOE BONOLA
- WE POSSIBLY BRINGING THE BENCH FROM THE TOWN HALL TO COMPANY #1 CONTINGENT ON THE LADIES AUXILARYS DECISION

- **ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TONITE FOR THE POSITIONS OF**
  - 3 FIRE CPATAINS
  - 5 FIRE LIEUTENANTS
  - 1 EMS LIEUTENANT
  - 1 EMS CAPTAIN

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS WHO ARE NOT SEEKING RE ELECTION AND DID A GREAT JOB IN THEIR POSITIONS

- CAPTAIN TONI MYERS AND LIEUTENANT BRYAN KANE