

COLCHESTER HAYWARD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

President Marvin called the meeting to order at 1859 hours.

FF/EMS LODD YTD: 4 – a moment of silence observed and a benediction by Chaplain Caronna

Voting members present: 26 seniors, 1 associate, 1 auxiliary, 1 cadet, 1 non-company member – totaling 30

Minutes from the February meeting were posted – motion by Marty Gordon to accept, 2nd by Carl Albert.

Executive Officer Roll Call: Present- President D. Marvin, Vice President K. Kundahl, Treasurer Chuck Maynard, Secretary M. Ziegler

Not Present- N/A

Treasurer’s Report:

Motion by Marty Gordon and 2nd by Bert Marvin, all approved to pay the bills.

Correspondence: Champion Karate on Old Hartford Rd is doing a Summer Camp week, and Day 1 is Character Themed. They’re looking for a FF to come on Wednesday June 24 for 15 minutes to talk to the kids. Between 8:45 am – 12:15 pm. Contact LT Ziegler if able.

Chief’s report: Chief Hoffmann was Not Present, so DC Giudice read the important highlights from the Sit Rep and presented the e-Board and Company members with a budget request (see attached).

Captain’s/Lieutenant’s reports: LT Dombroski: go to calls and clean up after yourselves

Committee reports

Committee	Tasks/ Motions
175 th Anniversary: TBD 2029	
Antiques/Historical/Museum: no report	
Awards Banquet: March 6 th , 2027	-Congrats to Jared Szuba for 20 years of service and Nate Marks for 5 years of service – pins handed to them since they could not attend the banquet -If you have any suggestions for better raffles, food, anything for next year please speak to a committee member!
Bereavement: no report	
Bylaws:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is one Bylaw change to be presented tonight to be voted on at the 9 April 2026 Membership Meeting. This is the change of the annual meeting from January to October. It is posted on the glass show case. - The Bylaw Committee is working on a proposed change to the Point System Bylaw (Article XII) since the contract with the Town is close to being approved. - The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 24 March 2026 at 1700.
Christmas trees: growing!	
Comp. Contract: working on SP contract first.	-Tentative special meeting 4/1/2026 to discuss Schuster Park Contract – currently it is in the hands of our Attorney
Fire Prevention: Open House Oct. 4 th , 2026	
Golf Tournament:	Next year’s date is secured at Black Ledge Country Club again: Monday, Sept. 21 st – contract is signed and

	returned, different food options this year to change it up, will be selling dinner only tickets too for non-golfers.
Grievance: no report	
Holiday dinner: Dec. 11 th , 2026	
House 1: no report	
House 2: no report	
Kitchen:	Thanks to the Aux. for dinner tonight
Mailbox Signs: no report	
Mailout:	After thank you cards were mailed out we received \$1,000 more
Parade:	Bozrah May 23 rd , 2026 Tanker 228 & Truck 128 going.
Photography: no report	
Physical Fitness: no report	
Picnic: no report	
Quartermaster:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Crew neck sweatshirts & St Patty's Day shirts have been distributed – if anyone wants a button-down uniform type of shirt let LT Ziegler know -Class A items (belts, ties, morning bands) found in EOC on conference table after Rob Brown's funeral. They have been put in the QM closet. If they are yours please contact LT Ziegler
Recruitment and Retention: no report	
Santa on the Green: Dec. 5 th 2026	
Scholarship:	Two applicants from Bacon Academy as of now, deadline is the end of this month, will meet between April 1-10 for a decision
Schuster Park: meeting soon as a group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -10 Pavilion rentals as of now (4 members, 6 non-members) -Welder will be back this week to work on the training facility -CBA Hayride 10/3 need volunteers to help, aiming for 2,000 rides in 5 hours -Empire Paving may store their equipment for 2 years at SP in exchange for millings, we need to raise 11 manholes
Social media: no report	
Vending:	Jared Szuba went to look at one used vending machine in Norwich for us, but it was missing a few parts, so it was not worth it; Steve Shorts emailed a few used vending machine posts he found advertised and they also were not worth it. Comments about possibly having drinks only because snacks will expire before being bought. Al Wood presented the original \$4,300 thought and will discuss more with Brendan Fiala; tabled for now.

Old Business:	<p>-Yard Goats game flyers posted at both fire stations, game is 7/30/26, so far 10 people have signed up, and we need 25 for a group discount.</p> <p>-Eastern CT FF Softball League is meeting 3/29/26 and looking for teams. It did not appear to be much interest with us this year.</p>
New Business:	<p>-Company minutes are now posted on https://chvfc.org/company-meeting-minutes/ - thank you Brian Currie</p> <p>-President Marvin made a request for funds for additional apparatus lightbar bunting after DC Giudice asked if we could get more for funerals in the future. Discussion on which funds it should come out of Dept. vs Company. Motion made by President Marvin to spend up to \$250.00 from the Company, 2nd by Steve Shorts. Motion passed.</p> <p>-Secretary Ziegler brought up the Deceased Member plaque in the hallway and is drafting up language for requirements to be added to it. Rob Brown & Steven Schuster recently added.</p> <p>-Secretary Ziegler mentioned that all Boards & Committees should be putting activity forms into the black Company mailbox to be entered into ESO for tracking hours/attendance. Reminder to notify the Secretary when your Board or Committee appoints a Chairperson.</p> <p>-VP Kundahl opened a discussion on DC Giudice budget request from the Dept. to the Company. Everyone agrees these items are important and necessary, however the Company is committed already to finishing the Training Facility at Schuster Park and upcoming contract attorney fees before we spend any other money. We can revisit this topic next month once people have the chance to review the proposal and think on it. In the meantime we will also think of fundraising ideas and John Rowan-Stern will investigate other grant options.</p>

Board reports

Board	Task/ Motions
Point audit: see attached, missing January meeting attendance	
Trustees: need to schedule a meeting	
Welfare:	Keep Art Standish in mind as he has been sick lately
<p>Membership:</p> <p>CADETS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brody Derr was reappointed to the Captain Position 	<p>Tom Welch gave his Recruitment & Retention update, see attached photo, motion to accept his report by Marty Gordon, 2nd by Noah Dombroski.</p> <p>Nick Ricci has been dropped from Probationary Membership and is no longer a member of CFE/CHVFC</p>

- Hunter Lamber was reappointed to a lieutenant position
- Elijah Potter was appointed to a lieutenant position
- President Debi Marvin was reappointed as the program advisor
- Judi Didato was reappointed as an assistant cadet advisor
- Lieutenant Kyle Krystofik reappointed as an assistant cadet advisor
- Josh Braga was appointed as an assistant cadet advisor
- Jarod Underberg was appointed as an assistant cadet advisor
- A second extension was given to a probationary cadet to complete qualifications

Qualifications/Certifications:

- The Cadet Probationary Task Book is now being trialed with current cadets

Notes:

- CFA applications are open for the cadet programs till the 31st
- The training calendar is made out till June
- 3 cadets are in an EMT class, feel free to give them a hand with classwork
- Cadet kickball, Tuesday, July 14th, 20% of Mel's purchases go towards the cadets

Signed,
Cadet Captain Brody Derr

Motion to accept Cadet Report by Marty Gordon,
2nd by Carl Albert.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	👤 Applicant	📅 Stage	📅 Division	📅 Co. Officer	📅 Back Com
2	Dax Bard	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish	3/5/20
3	Scott Kardys	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon	4/22/20
4	Elijah Blanchard	On Probation	Fire Division	Lt. Dombroski	6/4/20
5	Larissa Vilcinskas	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish	7/21/20
6	Katlyn Payne	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon	9/16/20
7	Quinton Czarnota	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish	9/23/20
8	Cole Harrison	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon	10/9/20
9	John Rowan Stern	On Probation	Fire Police Divi...	Lt. Bush	4/30/20
10	Isabel Poole	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish	11/7/20
11	Michael Laban	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish	10/8/20
12	Justin Deloge	On Probation	Fire Division	N/A	
13	Felix Colondres	Awaiting Physical	Fire Division		2

President's Minute: Reminder of important dates: 3/17 coffee communications, 3/23 Budget Meeting at Town Hall, 4/1 possible special meeting for CHVFC, 7/30 Yard Goats game sign up in radio room, Help out new members and cadets as you see them working on tasks, please respond to calls, and review the proposed bylaw change for next month.

Motion to adjourn by Marty Gordon, 2nd by Keith Kundahl. Meeting adjourned at 2038 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
 Matthew Ziegler
 CHVFC Secretary

COFFEE CONVERSATIONS



Stop in, have a cup of coffee and chat about the history of the department, new projects, etc

All our former and current personnel are welcome to attend!!



Tuesdays following the CHVFC Monthly Meeting at 4:00PM at Fire HQ