

COLCHESTER HAYWARD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, May 14th, 2026

President Marvin called the meeting to order at 1901 hours.

FF/EMS LODD YTD: 11 – a moment of silence observed and a benediction by Chaplain Caronna.

Voting members present: 26, Total members present: 34

Minutes from the March meeting were posted – motion by Marty Gordon to accept, 2nd by Jack Jobses.

Executive Officer Roll Call: President D. Marvin, Treasurer Chuck Maynard, Secretary M. Ziegler

Executive Officers Not Present: Vice President K. Kundahl

Motion by Marty Gordon and 2nd by Noah Dombroski, all approved to pay the bills. Forward to Trustees.

Correspondence:

1. Thank You letter from East Hampton Ambulance for Brian Currie & Capt. Kaitlyn Standish who covered EH EMS for their Annual Banquet.
2. Thank You letter from Columbia Fire for our Mutual Aid Structure Fire response that Career Staff and Tommy Welch responded to with E128 overnight.
3. Thank You letter from Boy Scouts Troop 72 for letting them store their flowers inside overnight and use of our parking lot and yard for their annual flower sale.
4. (Missed last month) Donation Request letter from CT Fireman's Historical Society in Manchester.

Chief's report:

See attached Sitrep.

Captain's/Lieutenant's reports:

LT Ziegler stated that Saturday is Portland Fire Company 2 new Engine 2 Wet Down and we RSVP for 4 or 5 members with our Engine 228. So far 3 have signed up so if you're interested let LT Ziegler know. LT Ziegler also stated that the Marlborough Commons Training opportunity sounds like an excellence training experience like our Mill St Houses and all FFs should take advantage of this. Sign up on IaR.

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Committee reports

175th Anniversary: *(D. Marvin, N. Marks, M. Gordon, A. Ewings Jr, J. Underberg, K. McKenna, C. Caronna)*
TBD 2029

Antiques/Historical/Museum: *(A. Ewings Jr, B. Fiala, Chuck Maynard, J. Jones, A. Standish, J. Underberg)*

- John Jones & Danny Rowland will be giving school-aged kids tours of our museum coming up like they do every year.
- Special thanks to Jarod Underberg for taking care of and fixing the mini hand pumper on loan from the Manchester Museum.
- Danny and Brendan Fiala started the Federal for the 1st time this year 2 weeks ago and got scared. Jarod Underberg took oil samples and Tom Hardy came down to diagnose the problem. We should reseal the radiator this winter. Transmission bushings is a major job that will need to be done in the future. Long story short, the federal is running good now and will be in the Memorial Day parade this month.

Annual Awards Banquet: *(J. Didato, M. Ziegler, B. Currie, M. Gordon, D. Marvin, K. Kundahl, C. Caronna)*
March 6th, 2027

Bereavement: *(C. Caronna, D. Marvin, J. Jones)*

Heidi Palmes services this Sunday at 12pm at Aurora McCarthy. Group walk through (Not in Class As) at 1pm, meet at HQ. Celebrations after at Schuster Park Pavilion 2-5pm.

Bylaws: *(R. Berkman, C. McCarthy, A. Ewings Jr)* Nothing to report... round of applause given

Christmas Trees: (J. Underberg, S. Shorts)

- Trees are growing!
- Debi Marvin donated some ribbons she found of clearance for the wreaths.

Company Contract: (Chuck Maynard, C. McCarthy, M. Gordon, A. Ewings Jr, B. Currie, K. McKenna, S. Shorts, D. Marvin, K. Kundahl)

Attorney is working on it now.

Fire Prevention: (D. Marvin, M. Ziegler)

Open House Oct. 4th, 2026

Golf Tournament: (M. Ziegler, D. Marvin, S. Shorts, K. Kundahl, B. Currie, J. Szuba)

- Date is secured at Black Ledge Country Club again: Monday, Sept. 21st – contract is signed and returned, different food options this year to change it up, will be selling dinner only tickets too for non-golfers.
- Matt Ziegler had a phone conference with a Dixon Golf representative. Committee chose not to entertain this.
- Committee is meeting on 5/19.

Grievance: (J. Jones) None

Holiday Dinner: (C. Caronna, D. Marvin)

Friday, December 11th, 2026

House 1: (S. Shorts, J. Szuba, K. Standish) No report

House 2: (M. Ziegler, N. Marks, J. Underberg) No report

Kitchen: (R. Berkman, J. Rowan-Stern)

Thanks to the Perkowski family for the homemade dinner tonight in honor of Kim's Birthday. Happy 50th Birthday Kim. Thanks to the Auxiliary for also helping.

Mailbox Signs: (J. Didato) No report

Mailout: (C. Maynard, K. Standish) No report

Parade: (J. Underberg)

- Keep an eye out for the Gravesite Visits on IaR Memorial Day weekend.
- See LT Kundahls' IaR message regarding Memorial Day Parade cleaning/prep and putting flags up. Many hands make light work!
- Fire Police are needed for our Memorial Day Parade to assist closing roads.
- Our parade is Sunday, May 24th. Step off is at William J School at 1130. IF WE RECENTLY BOUGHT YOU A CLASS A UNIFORM PLEASE COME AND MARCH!!!

1. Webster Mass May 17th Tri State Hand Pumper Convention.
2. Bozrah May 23rd Tanker 228 (FF Underberg) & Truck 128 (LT Ziegler) are going. On IaR.
3. Salem May 25th Tanker 228 (FF Underberg) is going. On IaR.
4. Windsor Locks June 27th Summer Fest - Hand Pumper is going.
5. Thomaston August 1st no convention this year but a state parade here with the hand pumper.
6. Mystic August 27th Hand Tub Muster.
7. Massachusetts Aug 26-29 Annual SPAMFA with Bill Clark.

Photography: (M. Ziegler, B. Currie, J. Rowan-Stern)

Add your photos to the 2026 Cluster please! Remember to take videos as well.

Physical Fitness: (C. McDowell, J. Derr, T. Welch)

- John Rowan-Stern will be looking into grants for new equipment.

- Matt Ziegler got 3 treadmills donated, residential grade. Hopefully we can have 2 in service so 2 people can work out at once and then have the last 1 in storage for when the next one dies. Help is needed to carry them upstairs.
- Anytime Fitness in Westchester told Chuck Maynard they may have a commercial grade treadmill to donate when their lease is up.
- Justin Derr will research a new cable weight machine and come back with options/prices.

Picnic: (A. Wood, M. LaRosa) No report

Quartermaster: (B. Currie, M. Ziegler)

- Reminder if you have a uniform out on loan to please get it dry cleaned and return it!
- If you'd like a Class A uniform to wear to upcoming Memorial Day events come see Matt Ziegler.
- If you'd like to be on the next order for a Class A uniform, notify Matt Ziegler, not saying it will happen soon, but we will generate another list.
- Capital Uniform quote for hat badges tabled to next month so we can see what tie bars will cost also and decide at once; Keith Kundahl has a tie bar to bring Capital.

Recruitment and Retention: (T. Welch, K. Dalton)

There is a Leadership Development Workshop at CFA on 6/19 & 6/20

Santa on the Green: (D. Barnes, J. Langdon, M. Gordon, J. Didato, D. Marvin, K. McKenna)

- Saturday, December 5th, 2026
- What is the status of the sleigh??

Scholarship: (Chuck Maynard, K. Dalton, M. Gordon)

- Brody Derr was presented with his check.
- Tuesday, May 19th at 6 pm at Bacon Academy is the Award Ceremony if any member of the Company would like to attend.

Schuster Park: (S. Shorts, J. Szuba, N. Marks, C. Albert, M. Gordon, K. Kundahl, Chuck Maynard, J. Derr)

- This past weekend, during daylight hours, there were 2 vandalism incidents on our training grounds. Troop K came down twice and confronted 5 kids 11-12 years old. These kids are going to the Juvenile Review Board in town now and we estimate \$2,000 worth of damage that we are going after. These kids took out every window on the bus and both vehicles down there along with kicking off the vents on top of the conex box and destroying a shovel and loppers. They also attempted to start the lawn mower, and the battery is now dead. Steve Shorts caught the kids, and Chuck Maynard pulled all the camera footage. Motion made by Steve Shorts for \$772/year for all 7 cameras on SP property to be upgraded and monitored, 2nd by Matt Ziegler. Motion carried.
- Haunted Hayride is Saturday, October 3rd, 2026.
- DC Giudice, Capt Joseph, FF Shorts, FF Albert, LT Ziegler & LT Derr met to discuss building layout for the new 2nd floor and 3rd floor. A VES Window was purchased. All hands will be needed to help build the new roof on June 13th and 14th.
- Currently we have 6 member rentals and 10 non-member rentals scheduled. Inquires keep coming in!
- All month in June the CSP will be using SP for K9 training.
- Thank you to those who helped with the work detail for Spring Cleaning; most members ever for a work detail down there!
- LT Derr, FF Albert, FF Shorts & LT Krystofik cleared some trees and worked on Saturday and Sunday this past week to make room for the new sign and fence on the Mill Hill Rd side.
- All the sewer manhole covers have been located, and they were deeper than we thought. They will be raised significantly to prep for millings.

Social Media: (M. Ziegler, N. Marks, J. Rowan-Stern, B. Currie)

- Schuster Park Pavilion rentals and Golf Tournament posts have been made along with when our museum is open on Sundays.
- All items that were requested in our last post (treadmills, vending machines, yard games for SP Pavilion, bunk bed) have been donated!! We will still accept a wooden bunk bed for SP Training Facility search drills.

- A facebook post will be made in a couple weeks to try to stop the vandalism at Schuster Park.

Vending: (B. Fiala, A. Wood, M. LaRosa, N. Marks, J. Underberg, D. Marvin, M. Ziegler)

- Tony Skut bought a used soda machine off Gov Deals and donated it to Company 2. Thank you Tony!!
- Debi Marvin made a motion to spend \$1,000 on used soda and candy vending machines for HQ (\$500 each) from Suffield EMS, 2nd by Justin Derr. Brendan Fiala and Matt LaRosa will pick up all 3 Friday and Saturday. Stay tuned!

Board reports

Point Audit: (B. Currie, M. Ziegler, R. Berkman, A. Babineau, J. Didato)

- 1 of the 2 Point Audits have been posted by Brian Currie in both radio rooms. Brian needs to finish the other one.
- The committee has met to review all calls Jan. 1st – May 7th so far. We've met 4 times and each time has been at least 3 hours. We found a lot of discrepancies, but Chief Hoffmann has been very accommodating, and we will be using our numbers, not the incorrect numbers that ESO has for fuel compensation and tax abatement Jan. – April. We have found the problem and fixed it for May onward. PLEASE remember to fill these forms out completely, it is your responsibility to sign in, first initial and number are very helpful along with which unit you were on. The sheets will be changing slightly in the coming weeks.

Trustees: (J. Didato, K. Dalton, A. Ewings Jr.) Need to meet.

Welfare: (C. Caronna, J. Jones, D. Marvin)

- Mary Miraglia had hip replacement surgery and is home recovering.
- EMS Week is next week, stay tuned.

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Old Business:

- 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.
- Champions Karate June 24th - still need a FF to show kids a fire truck and talk to them for their summer camp. RSVP on IaR or tell Matt Ziegler.

New Business:

- Mike Blanco is selling 9/11 items again. Tees, Hoodies, Flags, Car Decals and Helmet Decals. Debi Marvin has a photo of the design and is collecting the money (cash or venmo).
- Steve Morris made a motion 2nd by Kevin Dalton to send a letter to the Norwich City Council on behalf of CHVFC supporting the Yantic Fire Company. Discussion was had and the vote failed. No letter is being written on behalf of CHVFC or CFE.
- A motion was made for a \$250 donation to the Manchester museum by Justin Derr, 2nd by Jarod Underberg. Motion passed.
- The Lions Club asked President Marvin if they could have ice from our HQ ice machine for a few days. Bert Marvin agreed to the motion and Judi Didato 2nd.
- A motion was made for \$600 for food for our picnic after our Memorial Day parade by Carl Albert, 2nd by Kevin Dalton. Motion passed.

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Membership (Probationary Process Board & Cadets):

- We have parted ways with Scott Kardys due to inactivity

Cadet Report for the Month of May 2026

Membership:

- Nothing new

Qualifications/Certifications:

- None

Notes:

- New water bottles that we bought to help keep cadets hydrated throughout drills

- Cadet kickball, Tuesday, July 14th, 20% of Mel's purchases go towards the cadets
- Working on Hose lines for this month's training topic.
- \$1000 from the Lions Club

Signed,
Cadet Captain Brody Derr

Motion to accept Cadet Report by Carl Albert, 2nd by Tony Skut.

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Good and Welfare: None

President's Minute: Reminder of all of the following: Coffee Communications this Tuesday, Yard Goats Game sign up in radio room, Our Memorial Day Parade & Picnic please RSVP on IaR, Check IaR for upcoming work parties between Memorial Day Parade prep and Schuster Park, and if you ordered 9/11 Mike Blanco items to pay Debi Marvin by Tuesday and you'll be in the first round/order.

Motion to adjourn by Brian Currie, 2nd by Noah Dombroski. Meeting adjourned at 2052 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Ziegler
CHVFC Secretary

1	Applicant	Stage	Division	Co. Officer
2	Dax Bard	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish
3	Elijah Blanchard	On Probation	Fire Division	Lt. Dombroski
4	Larissa Vilcinskas	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish
5	Katlyn Payne	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon
6	Quinton Czarnota	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish
7	Cole Harrison	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon
8	John Rowan Stern	On Probation	Fire Police Divi...	Lt. Bush
9	Isabel Poole	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish
10	Michael Laban	On Probation	EMS Division	Capt. Standish
11	Justin Deloge	On Probation	Fire Division	N/A
12	Felix Colondres	On Probation	Fire Division	Lt. Derr
13	Amber Harrison	On Probation	Fire Police Divi...	Capt. Previti
14	Joshua Wojtunik	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon
15	Kaden Sorits	On Probation	Fire Division	Lt. Dombroski
16	Mariam Kasli	Awaiting Physical	EMS Division	
17	Ashley Jacques	On Probation	EMS Division	Lt. Baillargeon
18	Name	Application Reciev...		

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