

COLCHESTER HAYWARD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, June 11th, 2026

President Marvin called the meeting to order at 1905 hours.

Note: Originally, we did not have a quorum, but when we did, we voted on things at once mid-meeting.

FF/EMS LODD YTD: 32 – a moment of silence observed and a benediction by Chaplain Caronna.

Voting members present: 18, Total members present: 21

Minutes from the April meeting were posted – motion by Marty Gordon to accept, 2nd by Kaitlyn Standish.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Correspondence:

1. Thank You read from Mary Miraglia's recent surgery.
2. Three (3) Thank You cards read in memory of Heidi Palmes.

Chief's report:

See attached Sitrep.

Captain's/Lieutenant's reports:

LT Ziegler mentioned that FF Underberg is taking Engine 328 to Hebron's rescheduled Tanker Shuttle Drill this Sunday and it would be good if he had extra hands with him; 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)*

- Danny Rowland stated the recent museum visits with the school aged kids went well.
- Jarod Underberg stated the Federal is OOS and not to be moved; issue with the brakes.
- Motion by Chuck Maynard, 2nd by Matt Ziegler to remove TV, Phone, Internet at Museum. After speaking to those who go to the museum regularly, they agreed there was not a need to keep paying for these. We double checked that the security system does not require having internet.

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)* No report.

Bylaws: *(R. Berkman, C. McCarthy, A. Ewings Jr)*

- a. There are currently no Bylaw changes to be presented. As reported previously (May 2025) changes are expected in the future for the following Bylaw Articles:
- b. Activity Points Bylaw – a change has been drafted and presented to the Executive Board and will be finalized once the Contract is final.
- c. Process Review Board Bylaw – This will be handled by the Process Review Board.
- d. Qualifications to apply for membership – Proposed change was tabled pending Department policy.
- e. Chief's nominating Board – Pending Town contract.
- f. Bylaw covering activity points exemptions. The current Bylaw is not clear on what counts as Active Years. This will be addressed once the contract is approved and we know the Department policy for Leave of Absence.
- g. Company Membership limits. This can be deleted from the Bylaws if it is specified in the contract.

h. There is no planned Committee meeting.

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

Trees are growing!

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 a draft now and then we will meet again.

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.
- Raffle prizes (6 of them) are starting to come in after solicitation letters were sent out, thanks to Debi Marvin!
- Matt Ziegler printed a bunch of flyers in color to start handing out. Early bird special by 8/1/26 to register.

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)

Thank You to Lauri Albert for tonight's dinner!

Mailbox Signs: (J. Didato) No report.

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

Parade: (J. Underberg)

- Colchester & Salem parades were canceled due to rain this past month for Memorial Day.
 - T228 & TK 128 attended Bozrah's Memorial Day Parade and came home with 2 Trophies: Best Appearing Aerial and Best Fire Company Overall!
1. Windsor Locks June 27th Summer Fest - Hand Pumper is going. Jarod Underberg is looking for 6 or 7 more members to come with him.
 2. East Hampton's Old Home's Day Parade July 11th 10 AM. E228, Federal, C28 are attending. Sign up on IaR. *Note: Kent Hand Tub Muster is on the same day so unless someone has an interest in going to that we are focusing on EH OHD.
 3. Thomaston August 1st no convention this year but a state parade here with the hand pumper.
 4. Mystic August 27th Hand Tub Muster.
 5. 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 stated FEMA Grants for Gym Equipment opened in May, will work on this with Debi Marvin.

- Justin Derr is working with Kyle Mosig on gathering information and 3 quotes on the new multipurpose gym equipment item wanted. Meanwhile, Debi Marvin and Matt Ziegler drafted a letter to gym machine manufacturers and sent a dozen letters to see if we can get this same item donated or discounted.
- Chief Hoffmann acquired 2 new pieces of gym equipment; a shoulder press and squat rack. Some older / duplicate stuff was tossed out.

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

Quartermaster: *(B. Currie, M. Ziegler)*

- John Knapp gave Matt Ziegler 4 additional CHVFC badges & Debi Marvin gave Matt Ziegler a tie and 2 Class A hats – all items have been turned into the Quarter Master closet.
- Still waiting on Capital Uniform for our quote on additional Tie Bars.
- The new order of CFE T-shirts came in today for new members to get one free each when they join or for you to purchase.
- See attached photo of current Quarter Master items for sale! Sweatshirts, Hats, T-shirts available limited sizes.
- If you ordered the Mike Blanco 9/11 25th Anniversary shirts, stickers or flags from Debi Marvin last month they are in; if you did not you have another chance to order them, see Debi.

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)*

They have both been handed out.

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

- Railing project the welder has been working on on the 2nd and 3rd floors are done in time for our roof build.
- This weekend 6/13 & 6/14 is the roof build. All hands needed!! Bring your tools if you have them. If you don't know how to build that is fine, we still need hands to hand up the wood etc.
- Reminder to use the Mill Hill Rd entrance when going to SP vs Linwood Cemetery. Please and thank you.
- Chuck Maynard elaborated on the recent destruction of property. Chuck attended multiple meetings recently on our behalf with CPD & SRO, the kid's parents, Youth Services and school guidance counselors. So far 6 kids 11/12 yrs old have come forward. So far 1 parent has given us a \$500 check to put toward the damage/repairs. These kids will have community service hours and fundraising to do for us over summer.

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.

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

- The honor system drink fridge that Marty Gordon donated years ago was sold on Facebook marketplace by Matt Ziegler for \$300. Money was turned over to our Treasurer.
- In the 3 weeks the vending machines have been on and stocked we have sold \$66.50. Debi Marvin has a spreadsheet and is keeping track of purchases and what we bring in. Thank you to Brendan Fiala for mostly maintaining these machines!
- \$51 start up change from Treasurer Maynard was put into the 3 machines so there is change. Now the machines will accept \$3 at once to buy a Monster and quarters are not needed.
- If you encounter an issue with the machines contact Brendan Fiala, Debi Marvin or Matt Ziegler.

Board reports

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

Met yesterday for May's Audit and it is posted at both stations. Next Audit is 7/8/26 if you have any concerns.

Trustees: (J. Didato, K. Dalton, A. Ewings Jr.) Meeting in July.

Welfare: (C. Caronna, J. Jones, D. Marvin) No report.

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Old Business:

- Yard Goats game flyers are 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. We need to buy tickets by 7/17/26.
- Champions Karate June 24th – Chief Hoffmann will handle going to this if no volunteers sign up. Feel free to go with him. Quick 15-minute show and tell with the kids.

New Business:

- President Marvin made a motion to spend up to \$75 on a plaque for Fred Brown, 2nd by Brian Currie. Fred is our longest living member so this plaque will honor 70 years for him, and he is our first member to make it to 70 years.
- Chuck Maynard made a motion to make Troy Marvin an Honorary Member of CHVFC, 2nd by Kevin Dalton. Troy and his team at Reliable Auto have been very generous to us with always delivering and picking up cars for our extrication training. Discussion was had about inviting him, his family and his staff at Reliable Auto to our outdoor SP meeting later in the year. A motion was made by Brian Currie up to \$200, 2nd by Marty Gordon to get Troy an Honorary badge and to present him with a plaque to display at his shop on Norwich Ave.
- Robbie Avery's other half, Frank, donated \$8,500 to CHVFC to be used for uniforms and things that will support our membership. \$3,500 is set aside for Class A Uniforms now. \$5,000 is set aside for EMS Week and other recognition events over the next 5 years. Treasurer Maynard will send them a Thank you card.

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Membership (Probationary Process Board & Cadets):

Cadet Report for the Month of June 2026

Membership:

- New probationary cadet Adam Grzywacz

Qualifications/Certifications:

- None

Notes:

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

Signed,

Cadet Captain Brody Derr

Motion to accept Cadet Report by Marty Gordon, 2nd by Jarod Underberg.

Motion to accept PPB Report by Mary Gordon, 2nd by Steve Shorts.

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Good and Welfare: None

President's Minute: Reminder of the following: Work Detail at Schuster Park this weekend to build the new roof, Yard Goats game coming up, Coffee Hour this Tuesday. Also, she is selling singles if you want a stack of them for the vending machine, venmo her in return!

Motion to adjourn by Brian Currie, 2nd by Jarod Underberg. Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Ziegler
CHVFC Secretary

1	 Applicant	Physical Completed: 	Probation Start:	FFID	Notes:
2	Dax Bard	3/13/2025	3/17/2025	761	Certified EMT
3	Elijah Blanchard	6/12/2025	6/17/2025	766	in FF1 class
4	Larissa Vilcinskas	7/30/2025	7/30/2025	768	Certified EMT
5	Katlyn Payne	9/25/2025	9/28/2025	769	Certified EMT
6	Quinton Czarnota	10/8/2025	10/8/2025	770	Certified EMT 6/10
7	Cole Harrison	10/27/2025	10/27/2025	771	Certified EMT 6/10
8	John Rowan Stern	11/5/2025	11/5/2025	773	probation 5/4/25 - switch to FP I
9	Isabel Poole	11/19/2025	11/20/2025	774	Certified EMT
10	Michael Laban	11/3/2025	12/1/2025	772	Certified EMT
11	Justin Deloge	m/d/yyyy	12/29/2025	775	eer Firefighter/EMT(Added for Tra
12	Felix Colondres	3/26/2026	4/15/2026	779	
13	Amber Harrison	4/13/2026	5/8/2026	778	
14	Joshua Wojtunik	4/6/2026	4/7/2026	776	EMT & FF1 Certified
15	Kaden Sorits	4/10/2026	4/10/2026	777	Previous Cadet
16	Mariam Kasli	5/17/2026	5/18/2026	781	Certified EMT
17	Ashley Jacques	4/22/2026	5/3/2026	780	Certified EMT
18	Matt Charette	6/3/2026	6/4/2026	782	Certified EMT and FF2
19	 Name	m/d/yyyy	m/d/yyyy		

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