

COLCHESTER HAYWARD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday, July 9th, 2026

President Marvin called the meeting to order at 1900 hours.

FF/EMS LODD YTD: 39 – a moment of silence observed.

Voting members present: 18, Total members present: 22 (2 cadets).

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

- One correction by Marty Gordon; Secretary Ziegler wrote Mary Gordon, not Marty in last month's minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report:

Total Cash Assets -	\$241,426.02
Liabilities & Equity -	\$204,082.94
Net -	\$37,343.08
Expenses -	\$12,879.80
Income -	\$686.35

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

Correspondence:

1. Thank You letter read from Ruby York, Chief Hoffmann's Admin Assistant, for the passing of her son.
2. Thank You letter read from CT Firemen's Historical Society in Manchester for the recent donation we gave them.

Chief's report: Chief was not present but emailed the E-Board the following info to read:
Sitrep attached.

- The department has switched from VFIS to ESIP as our insurance carrier for both Liability and Health/Sick coverage. There are benefits to department personnel that are accessible for work/life balance, etc. This switch saved the town money on the premium cost and enhanced our coverage as well as benefits for our personnel. Flyers for contact to these resources are attached for distribution. They have been posted at both fire stations and are referenceable on Vector Solutions in the File Center under the Health & Safety Folder
- Researching the implementation of a LOSAP incentive for volunteers in the department. This is a Length of Service type incentive that provides for monetary benefit at the conclusion of a determined period of active service (usually 25 or more years). There are different programs we will be investigating. More to come....
- Congratulations to Cole Harrison, Quinton Czarnota and John Rowan-Stern for obtaining their EMT Certifications. Also, to Elijah Blanchard for obtaining his FF1 Certification. Both John and Elijah have come off probation and will be sworn in during the meeting – Congratulations on these milestones, keep up the excellent work!
- January – June 2026 Fuel Compensation and Officer Stipends should be issued in July. Brian has completed and I have reviewed the Fuel Comp submission to continue to Finance for processing.
- Do not drop the thermostats at HQ below 70 degrees. During hot/humid weather, the system is unable to keep up and there is risk damaging the units. The "20 Degree Rule" suggests you should not set your thermostat more than 20 degrees cooler than the outside temperature to protect your system from damage to the compressor and/or condenser. If the thermostats continue to be found to be being set inappropriately, the thermostats will be locked and only identified individuals will have access to change the temperature.
- Ambulance 728 is due to be here in the next 2 or so weeks. Additional work will ne to be done on it including an OEMS inspection prior to being placed in service.

- Coolers with water bottles have been assembled to take for significant incidents when needed. Please ensure these are maintained and ready to go for incidents.
- National Night out at the Rec Plex is August 4th. Looking for personnel to assist in coverage for fireworks during the day and into the evening. Will also look for apparatus for assistance with the event in the evening. Capt. Joseph may be contacted if you are interested.

Captain's/Lieutenant's reports:

- LT Ziegler stated that Fuel Comp checks/direct deposits should be coming out next week.
- He also reminded everyone that filling out the white call sheet is everyone's responsibility and please fill it out completely. Example would be N. Dombroski 693 and apparatus rode on / station at vs just Dombroski and no number or initial. This makes doing accurate Point Audits difficult. Also, lately people have been writing just Mike or Josh, and we have 2 Mike's and 4 Josh's. Keep an eye out for updated sign in sheets at both fire houses, minor changes to the top and bottoms of white sign in sheets.
- LT Ziegler also reminded everyone were in the last quarter of the year now so check your training status and get mandatories and hazmat hours completed!

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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)*

- The Federal remains OOS until FF Underberg reassembles the brakes.
- CT Firemen's Historical Society in Manchester is celebrating 125th Anniversary this Saturday 10-4P and some of our retired members are attending.

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)* No report

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 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.
- Posted on CT Fire Academy List Serv daily emails and on Facebook. Please pass along to your employers, friends and families!!!

Grievance: *(J. Jones)* None

Holiday Dinner: *(C. Caronna, D. Marvin)*
Friday, December 11th, 2026

House 1: *(S. Shorts, J. Szuba, K. Standish)*
The couch upstairs was replaced this week by Raymour & Flanagans.

House 2: (M. Ziegler, N. Marks, J. Underberg)

Thank You to Brendan Fiala for donating an Air Conditioner for upstairs bunk room/lounge!

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

Thanks to the Auxiliary for preparing dinner tonight! Thank You to Carl for grilling and Debi for making salads.

Mailbox Signs: (J. Didato) No report

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

Parade: (J. Underberg)

1. We forgot to mention last month but it was on IaR and no one attended Columbia's 4th of July Parade.
2. East Hampton's Old Homes Day, July 11th, E228 is going.
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) No report

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

Quartermaster: (B. Currie, M. Ziegler)

- Fire Police T-shirts came in today.
- Mike Blanco 9/11 orders are coming in, see Debi. To order see Debi too, constantly ordering until September. See attached photo for design.
- Matt Ziegler is still waiting on tie bar quotes from Capital Uniforms.
- Matt Ziegler is working on getting quotes for Honorary Member badges.

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

Retention Awards:

- **Top EMS Responder: Capt. Standish**
- **Most EMS Shifts: Brian Currie**
- **Top Fire Police: Bill King**
- **Top Fire Responder: Kaden Sorits**
- **Most Overnight Responses: Kaden Sorits**
- **Most Trainings Attended: Jarod Underberg**
- **Top Probie Responder: Kaden Sorits**

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) No report

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

Thank You to everyone who helped build the Training Facility roof a couple weekends ago.

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)

- \$128 in Soda/Snack sales at HQ and \$27 in Soda sales at Co. 2 in June.
- Debi has dollar bills available if you venmo her.
- If you have any snack suggestions talk to us.
- Matt Ziegler is looking into a keyboard replacement for the Snack Machine since the "A" button is stuck. We need a new keyboard to change pricing. Once pricing is changed, we can stock candy too.

Board reports

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

Three print outs are attached here and at each Fire House for Tax Abatement, CFE Calls, & CHVFC membership. Reminder if you're trying to achieve a certain Tax Abatement you have until September 30th to earn those points.

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

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

Steve Shorts grandfather passed away.

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Old Business:

- Yard Goats game flyers posted at both fire stations, game is 7/30/26, so far 20 people have signed up, and we need 25 for a group discount. Matt Ziegler is placing the ticket order on 7/10/2026. Motion made by Matt Ziegler and 2nd by Brendan Fiala to have the Company pay for members only and if members bring family or friends then they pay for them.
- Our BCFL Softball League (Marty Gordon, Tom Welch, Dave Langdon) is in 1st place with a 4-0 record! The next game is Sunday 7/12 in Lisbon. The next & last home game (closest to us) is 8/9 in Bozrah. Come support!

New Business:

- Motion made by Chuck Maynard and 2nd by Tony Skut to make Frank Zvach, Robbie Avery's other half, an Honorary Member. Discussion was held after last month's Honorary Member request due to Frank's monetary donations towards CHVFC. Frank donated \$8,500 this year and more than twice that amount in the past. Same motion as last month, up to \$200 for a plaque and badge.
- Chuck Maynard brought up on behalf of Bert Marvin that Reliable Auto profits off scrapping our training cars and membership can decide if we will continue with the Honorary Member status or not. Membership was OK to keep last month's motion and continue with Honorary Member status.
- Paulie's Push will probably be coming down the Airline Trail on 8/27. As it gets closer Matt Ziegler will message out and coordinate members and apparatus to meet him in Westchester.

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Membership (Probationary Process Board & Cadets):

- EMT/FPO John Rowan-Stern & FF Elijah Blanchard sworn in off probation!
- Elijah Blanchard passed FF1; John Rowan-Stern, Cole Harrison, Quinton Czarnota passed EMT!
- 2 new potential members awaiting background checks.

Cadet Report for the Month of June 2026

Membership:

- New probationary Cadet Maddison Crosby
- New probationary Cadet Kaelyn Cambi

Qualifications/Certifications:

- None

Notes:

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

Signed,

Cadet Captain Brody Derr

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

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Good and Welfare: None

Vice President's Minute: Congratulations to our Probies coming off Probation & passing their certificate classes!

President's Minute: Reminder of Coffee Hour 1600 on Tuesday followed by Dinner at 1800 followed by Cadets Kickball on the green at 1900 and the Mels Ice Cream Fundraiser 1700 – 2100 which donates 20% of earnings to Cadets.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Kundahl, 2nd by Marty Gordon. Meeting adjourned at 1939 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

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