

**Colchester Hayward Fire Department  
Monthly Officer Meeting  
TO BE APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING  
Monday August 8, 2022 1800 hours**

**Called to Order:** 1809 hours

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Chief Hoffmann, A/C Morris, A/C Babineau, Captain Papp, Captain Bernier, Captain Barnes, Captain Jones, Lt. Bellantone, Lt. Bush, Lt. Standish, Lt Kundahl, John Knapp, Josh Braga, Judi Didato, Jack Didato, LT Giudice, Brendan Fiala, Kenn Didato, Rachael Collette, Mary Miraglia

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by A/C Morris to accept minutes of last month's meeting. The motion was seconded by A/C Babineau, the motion passed unanimously

**Citizens Comments:** Mary Miraglia is concerned with the viability of recruitment and retention, because she has been hearing a lot of negative comments being made to newer members. These comments are coming from older seasoned members who are telling the new people to not associate with certain members. Mary is hoping that this stops so that things do not continue down a bad path.

**Budget Review:** Still no approved budget yet. A 3% budget cut was requested across all departments to be submitted to the First Selectman.

**Career Staff:** Nothing to report

**Training:** Trainings are posted in IAR, There will be a coach bus and a double decker bus coming to the station to do a walk through and to preplan. There is a house on Mill St. that we will be able to use for training purposes (with limitations on times and must respect neighbors). Working on a Fire Instructor II class.

**Safety:** Lt. Bellantone and Chief Hoffmann have met with Physician One for physicals. A/C Babineau has some concerns with Physician One, Chief Hoffmann and Lt. Bellantone will continue to search for possibilities.

**EMS:** A/C Babineau asks people to come to calls and don't sign in if you have no intentions on responding to the calls.

**Captain Reports:**

Captain Papp – Gear inspections are on-going. A bunch have been entered into the system for tracking. He has put together a list of members that need new gear and he will get together with A/C Morris to go over specs and list. Lt. Kundahl has been working on gear inspections and reports that he still has 15 people to complete. Lt. Bellantone offered to help during day hours if need be.

Captain Barnes - Nothing.

Captain Jones – Nothing to report.

Captain Bernier – Nothing to report.

**Lieutenant Reports:**

Lt. Standish- Working on trying to get a class together for practical portions of the EMT recertification, she will advise further when she knows more

**Assistant Fire Chief:** The boat has been ordered and will be in around the winter time frame. The UTV is in the process of being ordered. Hybrid/Electric Car training class will be in October.

**Deputy Chief:** Not Present

**Assistant EMS Chief:** Nothing to report

**Fire Chief:** Per Diem EMT position has been interviewed for and 3 conditional offers were made. Continuing to work on the tax abatement, calls and drills will likely be the only calls that count toward the Tax abatement. Longevity will remain, shifts will not count.

**Facility items:**

- Floor Drains; are all flushed and working well – Co. #2
- Hot water Heater mixing valve replacement is waiting on parts– Co.#2
- Fire Alarm System Issues @ Co. #2 in Apparatus Bay
- Co#2 Roof replacement – Out to Bid, have received bids the cupola will not be replaced due to cost.
- Fire HQ Parking Lot Bid Work, working on getting BOS approve to go to ARPA

**Equipment Items:**

- Fire HQ Windows purchase with Unassigned Fund Balance; Approved by BOS; On to BOF, and awaiting the new quote from the vendor
- Portable Radio Replacement with ARPA Funds; the purchase order has been cut for them.
- 800 Mhz MOU with the State of CT; Going to BOS for approval, mou was signed by commissioner, copies were given to the selectman and BOF

Collin Maynard has put in his resignation as of August 15<sup>th</sup>. The open FF position will be posted soon.

**Apparatus operation-** The PD has voiced some concerns lately in regards to the speeding and the irresponsible driving to some of the calls. Please use due diligence when responding to calls, especially construction zones.

**Use of Department Vehicles-** If you are using one of the pieces of emergency apparatus to attend team building, recruitment and retention, or for any other non-emergency function; you must respond to calls that come in (if you are in town). It is not acceptable for a vehicle to be parked outside of an establishment in town and have a mutual aide company come in.

**Standby points-** Looking to eliminate or limit the standby points as they are being abused and shorting other people who are responding to calls. A/C Babineau states that people should be utilizing IAR when responding so that everyone is aware who is coming to the calls. Lt Standish states if you are on shift you should be signing into IAR even though it is on the calendar.



Celebration of Colchester- will be held on 9/15 at the green and there is an opportunity to have a booth for recruitment and retention. Contact Tiffany at Recreation Department.

AFBA- will be here on August 10-11 from 1 pm til 6 pm to offer a free 5,000.00 Life insurance, they have higher payout plans that are not free.

Fire Protection Water Supply Ordinance is in the hand of P&Z

High School Program- This is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2023 and will be a fire and ems program to get exposure into the school. Hopefully this will develop into a credit based program.

Cabin Rd- The sign on Cabin Rd. for water supply is up.

Norton Park- area of the water supply has also been leveled and should be good for pumping.

**Fire Marshal:** No report, he is at Colchester Commons putting on a demonstration in hopes that we will be able to get a safety program into the facility and that Red Cross will be able to be a part of that program

**President:** Company meeting for August will be at HQ and in September will be a t CO2. Saturday 8/13/22 at 0830-1000 there will be breakfast served at HQ and preparation for the Spaghetti Dinner from 1600-1900.

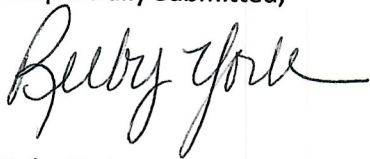
Sunday 08/14/22 is new member orientation.

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1400 hours is the company picnic at Schuster Park, Please RSVP

Red Cross Blood Drive- They are looking to schedule for the 2023 Year, there have been a lot of conflicts within the schedule and it is not working well for the Department therefore we will not be offering the use of the training room.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by A/C Morris and Seconded by AC Babineau. Motion passes unanimously. At 1847

Respectfully Submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruby York', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ruby York