

**Town of Colchester
CHVFD Exemption Revision Commission
Special Meeting
July 21, 2020 – 6:00p.m.
*Virtual Meeting**

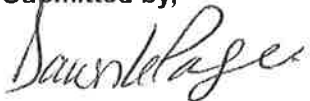
Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Turner, Walter Cox, Chuck Maynard, Jim Carona, John Knapp, John Chaponis, Michael Hayes

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** D. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 6, 2020:** C. Maynard motioned to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting, seconded by J. Knapp. All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING ORDINANCE:** Members will work to get the proposed changes on the Board of Selectman by the end of August. It will need to then go to a Town Meeting. Members discussed the point system structure that would be put in place to qualify for the exemption. There was some concern that a member could qualify without having ever answered a call. There was consensus that there should be a limit on the number of points that could be received from the training. Legal opinion is needed to confirm if someone that is receiving compensation cannot qualify. J. Chaponis reminded everyone that the purpose of the exemption is to increase the number of volunteers answering calls. Approximate cost to the town depending on what year was considered the start date for eligibility was calculated. J. Chaponis will work on putting together a draft of a proposed ordinance based on the discussion.
6. **SET NEXT MEETING:** Members tentatively planned to meet again on August 4th at 6:00p.m..
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** W. Cox motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. Carona. Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by,



Dawn LePage, Clerk

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