

Town of Colchester
CHVFD Exemption Revision Commission
Special Meeting
August 25, 2020 – 6:00p.m.
***Virtual Meeting**

Minutes

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

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** D. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None
* Note: The agenda had a typo and read August 8 minutes to be approved.
3. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 21, 2020:** C. Maynard motioned to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting, seconded by M. Hayes. All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISED ORDINANCE:** D. Turner shared feedback from First Selectman Bylone. There would need to be a paper trail showing retired members qualified. Members discussed the problem with increasing the benefit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 due to J. Chaponis finding out that when the law was changed, they only raised the abatement to \$2,000 whereas the exemption was never changed and still remains at \$1,000. Members agreed that proposed changes to the ordinance should reflect the \$1,000 max benefit and then approach legislation for the increase to \$2,000. C. Maynard will contact Representative Brian Smith. Whether an officer's stipend prevents someone from receiving the exemption was questioned. J. Chaponis will question this with counsel. J. Knapp will prepare spreadsheets to take a look at the impact the proposed point system would have.
6. **NEXT MEETING:** J. Chaponis will work on revised language for the next meeting.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** M. Hayes motioned to adjourn, seconded by C. Maynard. Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by,


Dawn LePage, Clerk

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