

**COLCHESTER HAYWARD FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**MONTHLY OFFICERS MEETING**  
**June 9, 2014      1900 hours**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chief Cox, DC Lee, 1AC McKenna, 2AC Giudice, EMS Capt. Babineau, HSO Capt. Rowland, Capt. Jones, Capt. Morris, Eng King, Eng. Babineau., Eng Josh King, Eng. Rob Fuller, Marty Gordon, ,

**Called to Order:** 1905 hours

**Approval of Minutes:** The May 5, 2014 : 1AC McKenna motion to approve as amended by Chief – 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Giudice. . corrections found: Career / Staff Personnel – corrected Vulcan to Viking  
Training: Chief Jones should be Captain Jones

Addition to Agenda: Nick Wallick, Hebron, Fire Chief spoke on internal organization program (on-going)

Chief Wallick – update on internal organization programs. Here as a vendor – here multiple Sundays . Last session was engaging with a lot of discussion –“ optimum member / customer service.” Due to attendance may change from weekend session to week night session. Information sharing & communications – how do people get information from admin. to members? Passed out a copy of Weekly Update – internal Hebron newsletter. Goes to BOS / town office bldg / members Officers / corp. / staff is responsible to get information in – and post it in individual stations.  
Condensed/precise information. (? Iamresponding?) Could include meetings Chiefs have attended.

**Citizen's Comments:** none

**Budget issues:** End of FY 14 – FD budget % used. – 97% used.  
If proposed FY15 budget is not approved- we will operate on current budget w/o new items.  
Both current attempts have been voted down. We were spared cuts the last round. If Budget Vote # 3 fails to pass- FD budget cuts will be difficult (operational/staffing). We will have to scrutinize how we do business.  
Tuesday June 17- Town Meeting # 3; Tuesday June 24 is Budget Vote # 3.

May 30 Gregg Schuster officially resigned/ Stan Soby sworn in as First Selectman.  
BOS- William Curran and Kurt Frantzen are new members of board (Mike Caplet-resigned)  
Town Clerk Nancy Bray & Asst. Town Clerk Justin LaFountain leaving at end of month June 2014.

**Career / Staff Personnel:** . Candidates to fill Fire Lt Position? – no requests have been submitted to date.  
Career Staff has to use reduced bank of days off (cut 30 to 15 days annually)

**Training -** Committee met – calendar is posted for June. Free EMS training was offered at Backus but no certificates have been mailed. This has been offered as credit for in-house training. Next Fiscal Year- Focus on Core Training Chief of E. Hampton FD Sunday 6/22- request for Colchester Tanker for drill participation.  
Yantic FD will be here 6/14 Sat. at Schuster Park k for new candidate testing : hose work, ladder work (8:30 – 1:30)

**EMS:** . Fred Potter's position has been eliminated at Backus Hospital (EMS Coordinator). Dr. McLane will continue to be med control / liaison.  
At EMS expo – EMS charts lost law suit for patent, will be closing up shop (possibly Jan. 2015) Will be searching for other programs. Battery on defib. -on A528. 4-Gas meter is not holding charge – need to find out which one it is.  
6/21 going to Plum Island for trauma seminar w/ Laura Steinmeyer.  
TOC Youth& Social Services – Director Val Gelato QPR Training Suicide Prevention- Tuesday June 17@ 7pm.  
PPD testing for members –Backus will do all our members – member MUST go to Backus for test, go back the next day for a reading. Email(information)to go out.

**Captain Reports:**

Capt. Papp – Fire – absent  
Capt. Jones –Fire Police – Jeff Bush got married this past weekend. Nothing else to report.  
Conn Trek group will be here again Sat. 6/28 . Fund Raising March- Rt. 85 up to Day Pond. Some assistance will be provided.  
Capt. Morris – Rescue – when equipment is ordered/received – Packing slips must be retained.

Capt. Rowland – Safety – 14 people need physicals by EOM June. SCBA had a face piece failure due to over exposure of heat. TESTED by manufacture. Unit was not defective – it appears to be user deficiency. Tool room just cleaned !

**Chief Officers:**

*2AC Giudice:* First Responder License discussion– what rigs should be added? Jonathon Lillpopp may answer this-“work in best interest of fire dept.”

Frequency banks for radios being worked on. Added: Hebron, Lebanon , Marlborough frequencies

Next move to make all front rig radios programmed. \*\* Then onto mobiles.

New Heavy Rescue – waiting for delivery of cab. Box is made, weekly update pictures available.

Due by October 2014. Radios from Marcus being worked on.

*1 AC McKenna:* Lebanon Chief, John Lyons - ?? – looking for input on personnel. Referred to Chief Cox.

*DC Lee:* nothing to report, no apparatus out of service.

*Chief Cox:* KX Consolidation Project –update-decision must be made by all KX members or it will be disbanded. New KX

Location is Montville Public Safety Building. Questions to be answered? – start up costs – microwave link, attachment to

Buckeley Hill tower etc (Doug Knowlton – Project Mgr from Marlborough) is going to be invited to next BOS meeting.

Cell phones on ambulances/service vehicles etc – are removed . The associated fees will be put to better use on Verizon account.

Tag Sale on the Green – thank everyone for participation

Memorial Day / Fire Museum – thank all for participation

Attended Hebron Wet – Down – new apparatus ceremony in service/ ET-210 Saturday June7.

**President Martin:**

Thanks for all who participated for soft opening of fire museum. especially to Jean Walsh who contacted all people who contributed to the project, and grand opening on the Sunday.

Parade participation was great, and the bays for the picnic. Tag sale w/ cadet coverage was great.

Congratulations to softball league – on way to great season. Encourage to vote 6/24/14 for this dept’s survivability.

**Motion to adjourn:** 20:15 hours - Motion to made by; 1<sup>st</sup> AC McKenna, 2nd by DC Lee. - approved.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Walsh