BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 01, 2026
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Monthly Meeting

Commissioners Present: Tim Reynolds, John Cotter, Craig Mansfield
Guests Present: Todd Gelston, Brian Auld

1. **Called to order** at 5:02 pm by Tim Reynolds and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Acceptance of Minutes**:
   a. Motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting on 8/11/26 as presented, made by John Cotter, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bill Approvals:
   a. Bills to be paid were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the invoices as presented and discussed by Craig Mansfield, seconded by Tim Reynolds. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Recap:
   a. John Cotter provided a budget recap, noting the department's to-date spending. To date for the 2026-27 budget year started with $754,185and to date we have spent $124,762.22 leaving us a remaining amount of $629,422.78. This is 16.5% of the total budget.
   b. John Cotter to look at what we have spent this year versus last year on truck maintenance. We also need to keep an eye on the overtime budget.

5. Old Business:
   a. Firehouse Project:
      i. Craig Mansfield provided an update on the Moodus Firehouse Building Committee. Committee presented to the Board of Finance in August. Next steps are approval of the Resolution at the Board of Selectmen on September 2th and then to the Board of Finance on September 14th. Then if approved, will go to Town Meeting on September 29th and Referendum on October 13th. A few questions have come in from one of the Board of Finance members that will be answered.
      ii. If approved, would look to break ground in January/February timeframe. This would give us time to clear out firehouse and relocate equipment.
      iii. Discussion was held on Bonding process, estimated tax impact and the importance of educating the residents and getting people out to vote.
      iv. Craig Mansfield noted the appreciation of the passion towards the project on all sides but reminded us all about the importance of not getting involved in a Facebook debate. We all need to stay aligned and continue to push the need for the firehouse.

6. Selectman's Report:

a. Road paving starting next week. (5 roads in Hadlyme area + Neptune and Glimmer Glen)
b. Police continue to do enforcement, and the eight electronic speed signs are up.
c. Continue to work through the Ambulance situation in town. Need a short and long-term plan.
d. Two companies are still looking at the public works site for cell tower site. Those companies ae working with the providers to see who is interested in getting on the tower.
e. Need to continue to sell and explain need for Company 2 up to the October 13th referendum. Because of voting we need to ensure we hit the 10/13 date, or we will be into 2027 for a vote.
f. East Haddam Redevelopment Agency continues to work towards a plan.
g. Golf course committee provided the Board of Selectmen with a report that the town should not buy the course. It should be purchased by a private company.
h. Two open positions on the Economic Development Commission, need volunteers. A chairman to be elected at next meeting
i. Revaluation process is kicking off. This is done on a 5-year cycle. A vendor has been chosen and inspections will kick off in November.

7. <u>Visitors Participation:</u>

a. None

8. <u>Reports:</u>

a. Medical Division Report: Covered under chief's report
b. Career Staff Report: No report
c. Marine Division Report: No report.
d. Fire Marshal's Report: No report
e. Fire Police Division Report: No report.
f. Junior Division Report: No report
g. Recruitment Division Report: No report
h. Public Relations Report: No report
i. Special Events Report: No report
j. Fire Chief's Report: See below

9. <u>Building & Equipment Reports:</u>

a. Building Report: See Chief's Report
b. Fire Equipment and Maintenance Report: See Chief's Report
c. Radio Equipment Report: Discuss under other items.

10. <u>Correspondence:</u>

a. None

11. <u>New Business:</u>

a. Craig Mansfield noted there is an ongoing issue with Goosetown on the issue with the 800 to UHF crossband failing.
b. John Cotter provided an update on % numbers discussed last month related to calls in the Moodus area. Based on the heat maps we created over the last 3 years we are sitting at 50% of calls are in the Moodus area. This map shows the need for a firehouse in Moodus.

12. Adjournment:

a. Motion to adjourn at 5:38 pm made by John Cotter, second by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
09/30/2026

REPORTS

Medical Division Report: No report submitted

Career Staff Report: No report submitted

- No Report

Marine Report: No report submitted

- No Report

Fire Marshal Report: No report submitted.

- No Report

Fire Police Division Report: No report submitted.

- No Report

Junior Division Report: No report submitted

- Three Juniors will be starting fire academy this summer for training.

Recruitment Division Report: No report submitted

- One new member being sworn in tonight.

Public Relations Report: No report submitted

- No Report

Special Events Report: No report submitted.

- No Report

Chiefs Report: Submitted by Brian Auld.

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

BOFC SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

AUGUST CALLS

ONE	BRUSH FIRE

ONE	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
ONE	SMOKE IN BUILDING
TWO	CARBON MONOXIDE EMERGENCY
FOUR	POWERLINE EMERGENCY
FIVE	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
EIGHT	FIRE ALARM
FIFTY	R-1 MEDICAL

72 TOTAL CALLS AUGUST 2026 V 71 CALLS IN 2025

PERSONNEL

- **CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER DYLAN MILLER**
  - graduated from the Advanced Intro to Fire Service course at CFA on August 15th

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RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- **TWO CANDIDATES ARE IN THE PROCESS**
  - 1 Junior and 1 Fire Police

TRAINING

- **NEXT DRILL IS LPG and CAR FIRE AT SCHUSTER PARK on**
  - Tuesday September 8th
  - Meet at Co # 2 at 18:00
  - Captain's Kyle Mosig and Nate Botting will be leading the drill
  - * **Live burn will be scheduled in the Fall**

- **DRILL SCHEDULE**
  - for the next four months has been posted at all firehouses and send via email to all personnel.

EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

- **CAR WASH was held**
  - this past Saturday, August 29th 10am to 2pm at Company # 2
  - Thank you to all the residents who donated

- **SUMMER PALOOZA**
  - is Saturday, September 12th
  - Car Seat install and Recruitment will be presented by Lieutenant Michelle Walker

- **CAR SEAT INSTALL CLINIC**
  - is Sunday, September 20th
  - which will be led by Lieutenant Walker

APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

- **BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR**

- Officers have been charged with making purchases on all approved items

- **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**
  - is at the tail end of completion
  - Utility 1 and Brush 15 will be going out for fluid service

- **BRUSH TRUCK UPDATE**
  - is still in progress

- **SQUAD COMMITTEE**
  - the committee met with Jon Cares from Four Guys on Thursday, August 27th
  - The committee discussed the beginning of the build process

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  - Cost per apparatus = $1,333,532 X2 = **$2,667,064**
  - **If chassis payment of $620,492.00 is received within 15 days of chassis delivery to Factory $93,073.00 will be deducted from the total price of $2,667,064 which will equal $2,480,918 as the new total**

- **NEW RANGER TRAILER**
  - Is still in progress

- **IN HOUSE GEAR CHECK**
  - Will be led by Lieutenant Eric Walker and is scheduled for September 22nd at 16:00 Company # 2

- **HELMETS / FLASHLIGHTS**
  - 12 helmets will need to be ordered for $5,000
  - Replacement Flashlight batteries are also to be ordered

BUILDING

- **COMPANY # 1**
  - Phone and lights are all functional
  - Thank you Newt

- **COMPANY # 3 PARKING LOT**
  - Paving to start this week

MEDICAL DIVISION

- **UNIVERSAL R-1 INTAKE FORM**
  - Is currently at print shop

FROM ME

- **FLAGS**
  - Will be retired from placement around town on November 14th
  - Christmas wreaths will then be installed

- **KEY FOBS FOR COLCHESTER**
  - Captain Kyle Mosig will be researching w Commissioner Mansfield if our fobs can be used with Colchester's system