BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1
Monthly Meeting

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

1. **Called to order** at 5:01 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 05/05/26 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 2025-26 budget year started with $734,884 and to date we have spent $675,049.98 leaving us a remaining amount of $58,562.09. This is a total of 92% spend to date. Ongoing increase in vehicle repairs (over $120K). Need to have all expenses in for 2025-26 by Mid-July.

5. Old Business:
   a. Craig Mansfield provided an update on the Moodus Firehouse Building Committee. Public Hearing occurred and there was a small turn out. Also, met with P&Z and they voted to move forward. Hazardous materials report came back with only two small areas of concern. Next steps continue to move project forward towards referendum.

6. Selectman's Report:
   a. Budget passed. The state is providing supplemental money to both the town and the Board of Education. That money will be used to support town operations.
   b. Road paving will begin shortly. (5 Roads in Hadlyme area)
   c. Police continue to do enforcement, and the electronic speed signs are up.
   d. Continue to work through the Ambulance situation in town. Need a short and long-term plan.
   e. 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.
   f. Ongoing progress with East Haddam Redevelopment Agency. Long term task to get the right outcome.
   g. Golf Course Committee continues to meet to complete the feasibility study.
   h. Four open positions on the Economic Development Commission, need volunteers.

i. July 11th is a 250th Anniversary reenactment of signing of Declaration of Independence.

7. Visitors Participation:

a. None

8. Reports:

a. Medical Division Report: No 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: See below
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. Building & Equipment Reports:

a. Building Report:
Phone lines continue to be an issue at Company #2 and Company #1. Don Angersola is working with Matt Hall to resolve.
b. Fire Equipment and Maintenance Report: See Chief's Report
c. Radio Equipment Report: All radio reprogramming is done for fire apparatus and personal vehicles. Also, have spare pager batteries.

10. Correspondence:

a. None

11. New Business:

a. Nate Botting provided the commissioners with a staffing coverage proposal for the 250th anniversary celebration.

12. Adjournment:

a. Motion to adjourn at 5:46 pm made by John Cotter, second by Craig Mansfield. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Craig Mansfield
Secretary
08/07/2026

REPORTS

Medical Division Report: No report submitted

- No Report

Career Staff Report: No report submitted
- No Report

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

Recruitment Division Report: No report Submitted
- No Report

Public Relations Report: No report submitted
- No Report

Special Events Report: No report submitted.
- No Report

Chief's Report: Submitted by Brian Auld

EAST HADDAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CALLS

One	Motor Vehicle Accident
One	Public Service
One	Hazardous Materials Emergency
One	Brush Fire
Two	Carbon Monoxide Emergency
Two	Power Line Emergency
Six	Fire Alarm
Thirty-Seven	Medical R-1s

51 total Calls May 2026

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
- **Valerie Belles –** Finance Director provided the department with an overview of benefits for the volunteer personnel at the monthly meeting held June 2nd

- **1 Fire Police Candidate –** is currently in the process

- **An additional 20 Recruitment Signs –** have been made in house by Vadj Parkus and will be installed around town

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TRAINING

- **Next Drill –** will be ATV Training June 9th 19:00 at Machimoodus State Park with Cpt Botting

- **Live Burn –** is still on hold due to Colchester's Schuster Park reorganization

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EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **CAR SEAT CLINIC –**
  - led by Lieutenant Michelle Walker will be September 20th
  - LT Walker received a second grant for an additional 12 car seats

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APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

- **Preventative Maintenance Schedule –** has been put in place by Cpt Botting. Maintenance on apparatus will start at the end of the month

- **Preventative Maintenance on all marine units –** have been completed, Marine 2 needs a lower gasket replaced for a cost of $2,000

- **Utility 2-*15* –** rear bed tray and center console was made in house by Cpt Botting. The tray holds SCBA, tools, cones, and extra gear

- **Fuel Codes** – have been issued to all department Engineers

- **Old Ice Machine –** will be brought down to Company #1 by Deputy Swol and team

- **Brush Truck –** is being re-evaluated as the current vendor has eliminated the chassis the committee had originally proposed

- **Engine Committee –** Specs for vendors have been posted and have a return date of June 16th

- **Engine 1-15's –** headlight has been fixed

- **Fuel FOB tethers –** will be added to all apparatus

BUILDING

- **Memorial at Co # 1 –** Big thank you to LT Boynton, FF Liska, and Engineer Laddy-Locks for adding flowers

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MEDICAL

- **EMS scene size up training –** Will be held in September or October

- **EMT Class –** is complete, 3 personnel will need to schedule for testing

MISCELLANEOUS

- **SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:**
  - Ed and Nancy Smith for placing flags on the graves of our fallen personnel
  - LT Spirito for flag install across the town

- **MEMORIAL DAY TRUCK PREP**
  - I appreciate all who helped with cleaning unfortunately it was cancelled along with Colchester's parade

- **LIGHTS COMPANY # 1**
  - Newt has been emailed on replacement for (2) two lights in the rear of the building
  - Crash bar has been repaired by Rob Kolek in the meeting room