



# CT FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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The meeting of the Connecticut Fire Chiefs was held on May 24, 2022, at Elizabeth's Restaurant in Rocky Hill.

Meeting was called to order at 18:38 by President Worsman.

Members from Rocky Hill were introduced, Chief Garrahy provided welcome remarks as well as Mayor Lisa Marotta.

A member of the Connecticut Honor Flights discussed their program and what they offer to veterans. Connecticut Honor Flights provides resources to get veterans to Washington DC for a day of honor at our national memorials.

The commander of the Connecticut State Honor Guard made a PowerPoint presentation on what they offer to fire departments in the event they are needed.

A motion was made and passed to recess for dinner at 19:06.

A motion was made and passed to return to meeting at 19:23.

A motion was made to approve the secretary's report

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report

Committee Reports:

NEAFC- Reminder of the New England Fire Chief's show in Worcester.

Legislative report- John Carew was not present at the meeting, Chief Worsman provided an update what bills were passed including the Cancer bill. The bill will go into effect July 1, 2023, and as of 12/31/2024 fire departments will need to pay \$10/firefighter for qualified members of each department to the state of Connecticut, this will help to fund the Cancer bill. A discussion was had about requesting the lobbyist firm and have a representative come to one of our upcoming meetings.

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The limited access highway bill was passed with a change from \$500.00 to \$300.00. per department for incidents that fire departments respond to on approved limited access highways. Jeff Morrissette will oversee the response to limited access.

Memorial Committee- The Yards Goats game is scheduled for July 26, 2022. We only have four hundred tickets awarded, so first come first serve.

Flanagan Fund Pete Beckwith reported that the continuing challenge of receiving applicants for this scholarship fund. It was suggested that the county meetings bring this valuable scholarship up. Pete also collected for the Flanagan Fund.

Chief Duval reported on the status of standpipes on the state highways. The state will install them; however, the maintenance and repairs will fall to the town/city. The state will not be responsible for this.

Old business: the next meeting will be in Portland on July 19, 2022. Please note the change.

The non-profit status had not changed, will contact the attorney for an update.

A motion was made and passed to accept the following people as members of the association. John Cingarelli and Susan Vance.

New business: a motion was made and passed to have the following people take the usual course. Ronald Fournier Chief of the East Thompson Fire Dept. and James Feehan of New England Fire Equipment and Apparatus as an associate member.

An opening is available for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, anyone interested should contact Jamie DiPace.

Thanks were given to Chief Duval and Chief Worsman for their remarks to the Hartford Courant regarding mental health issues in the fire service.

Reverend Venoit gave the benediction.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 20:27.

Cost of meal was \$30.00

\$180.00 was collected for the Flanagan Fund

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Respectfully submitted

Richard McDonough, secretary

