



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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"Proud Hosts of the 2010 FASNY Convention"

**Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association
July 24, 2018 – Riverhead Fire Department**

Meeting Called to order by President Chris Del Vecchio at 8 pm
Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms Vincent Ammirati
Rev. Fleishman gave the opening prayer.

3rd Assistant Chief Joe Hartman of the Riverhead Fire Dept. welcomed Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association to Riverhead. First Vice President Frank Guarino thanked the chief and department for hosting the meeting and serving dinner and presented certificate of thanks.

Legislator Rudy Sunderman at this time presented a proclamation to Eugene Perry on his recent retirement after working for 32 years as the Patchogue Village/Fire Department Dispatcher. Rudy thanked Eugene for his service and wished him well.

M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting at the Orient Fire House.

1st Vice President Frank Guarino introduced the guests with us tonight
FASNY Jr. P.P./ SCVFA P.P. Bob McConville
Home Trustees /SCVFA P.P. Peter Cincotta
FASNY Director/ SCVFA P.P. Perry
Suffolk County Burn center Jeff Bailes

Treasurers' Report: Robert McConville read the total of all accounts, \$28,416.97
M/M/S/P to accept the treasurer's report.

Bills:
Bill for Postage to mail out Arson Dog Letters to all Departments was turned over to Bob McConville

- Communications:**
- Letter from Lori Zatorski of Suffolk County Ladies inviting all to attend the Installation and Reception at the LAFASNY Convention on Friday, August 10, 2018 at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 6701 Buckley Road, Syracuse, NY. Ceremony begins at 7pm – Hot Hors d'oeuvres will be serviced (unlimited soda/CASH BAR), hosted by the Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary.
 - Letter of support in response to our letter about obtaining a new arson dog from Tom Donnelly, Rudolph Sunderman and Monica Martinez of the Suffolk County Legislature

Report of Presidents:
Report of President Chris DelVecchio:
Attended Award presentation in Bayport, Suffolk County Parade and a few others.

Report of 1st Vice President Frank Guarino:
Attended Turning Stone for Chiefs, award presentation in Bayport, the Ladies meeting in Setauket, Suffolk County Parade and Southern New York dinner.

Report of 2nd Vice President Ryan Murphy:

Absent - excused

Report of 3rd Vice President Robert Sutton:

Attended Turning Stone for Chiefs, Southern New York Dinner and awards presentation in Bayport

Steering Committee: Robert McConville

Met prior to meeting. Motion was made to appoint Jean Christensen as Secretary. The Steering Committee proposes the following slate of officers: President Frank Guarino, 1st Vice President Ryan Murphy, 2nd Vice President Bob Sutton, 3rd Vice President Vincent Ammirati, Financial Secretary Bill Rowse, Treasurer Bob McConville and Sgt. at Arms Meryl Montrose.

Sickness:

No Report

F.A.S.N.Y.: Eugene Perry

- Convention is August 9-13th at Holiday Inn Syracuse
- Friday 8/10 – Youth Day, Annual Memorial Service, Opening Session, Educational sessions, 2% tax forum and the Michael D Whelan Walk.
- Sat 8/11 – Business session, elections/voting, educational sessions, 6pm scholarship night fundraiser
- Sun 8/12 – 8am Interfaith Service, 9am Closing Business session, 11am hero's awards.

Bob McConville will be leaving the FASNY board at the end of convention – Thank you Bob on a job well done.

Home Trustees: Peter Cincotta

- There are 74 brothers & sisters.
- Have a new assistant dining supervisor – they serve approximately 8400 meals a month
- New Multi-purpose room is being utilized
- Long Island Day at the Home is September 16 – there will be lunch and parade at 1pm
- They are still looking for cards – sick, sympathy, birthday, thinking of you – if you have any to donate give to Peter or Jerry.

Suffolk County Chiefs: Scott Theobolt - Absent

Southern New York VFA: Anthony Sullo – was absent – sent report to Jean

- Reorganization meeting is next Tuesday, 8pm West Babylon headquarters.
- Membership meeting is tentative for Hillcrest in Rockland County the first Saturday in October 2018.

Suffolk County Ladies: Jean Christensen

No report

Long Island Firemen's Benevolent Assoc. – Doug Miller was absent

Vinny reported they meet this Thursday in Melville dinner 7pm meeting 8pm. Will have Representative from the Comptroller's office there to speak – will answer 2% questions.

Commissioner Williams's Report:

No Report

Father Halpin Memorial Service: 2nd Vice President Bob Sutton

May 5, 2019 – still looking for department to host.

S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill: Peter Cincotta

Was July 14th – he hasn't heard anything, guessing all went okay.

Day at the Home: Peter Cincotta

Reported earlier it is -Sunday, September 16, 2018 Parade at 1pm.

FRES - - Ryan Murphy

Excused

Anthony Sullo sent report that they had barbecue –discussed about press conference on the T band and thanked all who attended; the railroad is on the grounds and hoping to get it going for 2019 with platform and third rail – talked about the superfund three helicopters up and running.

VEEB: Gary Schaum was absent. Eugene read Gary’s report

- There is a lot of construction on the field, please be careful. If you have any issues let Gary know.
- The LIRR Rail cars have been delivered to the Academy and will be ready by next year.

Radio: Anthony Sullo:

No meeting

Fire Police: Vice President Guarino:

Next meeting is Lake George October 12-13th.

Legislative: Bill Wieck Absent – Eugene reported on the EMS billing – no strides have been made.

Firefighter of the Year: Roger Putnam was absent – sent report to Secretary Jean Christensen

This year, the SCVFA FFOTY Committee is pleased to announce the 2018 SCVFA “Firefighter of the Year” will be awarded to FF Peter DiPinto, a member of the Brookhaven FD for his actions on October 15, 2017.

As Chairman of this Committee, I would like to report that everything is ready to go for the Award presentation at our FFOTY and Installation Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 20th at the Mill Pond Country Club in Medford.

Finally, the Certificate of Merit plaques are completed and will be presented to the fourteen (14) runner up recipients at the Suffolk County Medal Day to be held on Sunday September 30th at the Brookhaven FD.

EMS: Meryl Montrose:

Absent

Resolutions: Eugene Perry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Riverhead FD for hosting tonight’s meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Bayport FD for hosting the June Executive Board meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we appoint Jean Christensen as Secretary of the Association for the coming year.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association congratulate the North Lindenhurst FD Piston Knockers Drill Team for winning the Suffolk County Championship.

M/M/S/P to accept all resolutions as read.

Burn Center Stony Brook: 1st Vice President Jeff Bailes

- Thank you to all for your donations.
- They have In Memory of cards

- Condolences on the passing of Chief Tom Cronogue Past President of Burn Center
- Web site work in progress
- Several tours
- Burn unit has been busy, all types of burns
- Research work
- July 4th prepared not abnormally busy

- Skin bank has high school students working
- Next meeting August 20th 7:30pm Health and Science Room
- August 6, 2018 – golf outing
- He has raffle tickets -\$10 each
- October 4, 2018 they are having wine tasting
- April 14, 2019 – breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Farmingville

Annual Dinner: 2nd Vice President Ryan Murphy was excused. President DelVecchio reported:

- All is going well.
- 10/20/18 at Mills Pond Golf Course
- Bill Fox & Co will be donating the tickets – tickets are being printed now.

William Reilly Annual Journal: Jeff Bresler:

On target with this time last year. Will be sending out a second mailing in August.

Publicity: Vice President Murphy:

Excused

By-Laws: Eugene Perry:

Progress

Candidate Campaign: Robert McConville:

Jerry Owenburg is running for his 2nd five-year term as Trustee of the Firemen's Home - has pens and mugs, they took ad in journal have sign for hospitality room. They also will put up sign for Pete Cincotta who run's next year and Eugene's sign for 2nd VP in two years, sign for Jean Christensen LAFASY President.

Pete Cincotta mentioned that Jerry is being nominated for Vice President of the Board of Trustees, the last one from Suffolk County to hold this office was Ted Rosko.

Bob said that SCVFA needs more ticket sellers or will need to come up with another fundraiser.

Safety Officer: Larry Montrose – Absent

Jeff Bailes gave report – Suffolk County meeting in September.

Be sure to check for ticks. Watch the heat – is important to rehab and hydrate at alarms.

Fire Prevention & Life Safety: Don Braccioldieta

- This year is “Look, Listen, Learn, Be Aware, Fire can happen anywhere”
- Next meeting is August 23 in Nesconset.

NFPA: Paul Van Arts Dalen:

None - Absent

Recruitment and Retention: Vice President Murphy:

Excused

Headquarters: Vice President Sutton:

- Still receiving donations – not too late to send them in. He has letters if anyone needs.

Ways and Means: Vincent Ammirati:

\$75.00 to winner

Credentials: Vincent Ammirati reported:

37 people signed in tonight.

Membership: William Rowse reported: Progress

John A. Masem, Sr. Scholarship: Keith Vella:

Received total of 12 applications but 7 were disqualified. The winners were:

Victoria Kilfeather – West Babylon

Lindsey Bayley – Huntington Manor

Jessica Esposito – Riverhead

Stephanie Sattanino - Hauppauge

Youth in the Fire Service: Keith Vella:

All set for August 10th at FASNY Convention.

2019 this will not be held at Convention. He will have more information on this after convention.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network: Jerry Owenburg:

Absent.

Website: Roger Putnam: absent

President Del Vecchio said he got an email from an advocacy support group asking to put their link on our website. No one present tonight had a problem with it. Secretary Jean Christensen to send information to Roger to put on website. The link is

MesotheliomaVeterans.org/firefighters/2572-FL-426

Unfinished Business

Chris Osbourne was with us tonight from Suffolk County Emerald Society. He reported that their dinner dance is October 13 7pm, dinner at 8pm at Shandon Court.

Carl from North Fork firefighter Association reported they meet tomorrow night and October 24 in Orient.

Eugene Perry reported: The cost of the Cancer Legislation is exempt from District Tax Cap. Thanks to the State Districts for leading the way with this.

New Business –

None

Good & Welfare –

- Vinny reported that Ryan Murphy's Dad is not doing well and Ryan asked to be excused – President DelVecchio excused Ryan from tonight's meeting.
- President DelVecchio asked for motion to purchase 8 shirts for the executive board – M/M/S/P.

Dark horse was drawn

Suffolk County Emerald society won he donated \$40 back to association – thank you.

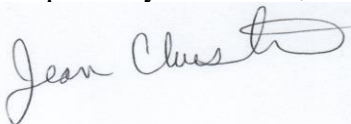
Future Meetings: Executive Board meeting Tuesday, August 28, 2018 - Patchogue

Membership meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2018 - Selden

Closing Prayer by Rev. Fleischman

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Christensen

Secretary