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The Chester Board of Fire Commissioners held the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the Chester Fire House, 6 High Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Joel Severance, Rick Schreiber, Peter Zanardi, John Divis and Bettie Perreault. Ex-officio members present were Fire Chief John Brainard, Selectman Charlene Janacek, Fire Marshals Richard Leighton and David Roberge. Also present were Assistant Chief Kim Brainard and President Vin Germini. Chairman Severance called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. In the absence of Judy Brown, Bettie Perreault provides minutes.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of June 21, 2017.

Motion by Zanardi, second by Perreault, to approve the June 21, 2017 Minutes as written. Unanimously approved, with Janacek abstaining.

Item 2: Audience of Citizens

Item 3: Report of Fire Marshal

Item 4: Report of Fire Chief

Item 5: Report of First Selectman

Item 6: Report of Emergency Management Director

EMD Severance reviewed the history and protocol for requesting regional resources, noting the custody form in connection with the request for a message board for use during the 2017 Triathlon events had been prepared and submitted, although no decision has been made. There was extensive discussion of activities associated with the Triathlon event and their impact. Note was made that three events remain in the current year's schedule. Based on the lack of funding and approval, the request for use of the message board will be withdrawn.

Motion by Perreault, seconded by Zanardi to have request for use of the message board withdrawn. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: Financial Reports

Item 8: Old Business

Item 9: New Business

EMD Severance reviewed the Hughes Network Systems communications system arrangement currently provided through a grant administered through the River COG for the 31 enrolled towns. The grant expires on July 31; municipalities continuing use of the service will be charged \$100/month, or \$1,200 annually. It was also noted that the Town currently has a Town-owned

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phone, which has not had use in a considerable length of time, and that there has been no funding allocated or available,

Motion by Perreault, seconded by Schreiber that due to the expiration of grant funding and the lack of municipal funding, the Town will discontinue its association with the Hughes Network Systems, LLC and so notify the Board of Selectmen and the River COG. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10: Adjournment

Motion by Perreault, second by Schreiber, to adjourn at 8:44 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettie Perreault
Acting Secretary