

SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT

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APPROVED

SIMSBURY FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 9th, 2026, 7:00PM

MAIN STATION

871 HOPMEADOW STREET

President Gary Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The members present were G. Wilcox, P. Pabich, S. Askham, J. Solury, G. Giddings, H. Caldwell, D. Coppinger, Chief T. Myers, K. Ouimette, M. Pearce Bristol.

1. A motion was made and approved so that the minutes of January 12th, 2026, as distributed earlier by email be accepted. A copy of this report is on file.
2. Public Audience: None
3. Civil Preparedness Report – M. Berry: The report for the month of January 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of this report is on file.
4. Fire Marshal Report – P. Tourville: The reports for the month of January 2026, as distributed by email, were accepted. A copy of this report is on file.
5. Fire Chief Report – T. Myers: The report for the month of January 2026, as distributed by email, were accepted. A copy of this report is on file.
6. District Treasurer Report – P. Pabich: Report distributed for the February 2026 meeting was approved and ratified. A copy of this report is on file.
7. District Commissioner's Report – G. Giddings: Quint 5 repairs have been completed.
8. District Maintenance Reports – M. Pearce-Bristol: The report for the month of January 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of this report is on file.

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9. District Administration Report – K. Ouimette: The reports for the month of January 2026, as distributed by email, was accepted. A copy of this report is on file.

10. Personnel Report – S. Askham: None

11. Correspondence - None

12. Unfinished Business – Chief of Training Kristin Kelley presented additional information concerning the drill facility. After further review of the structural analysis of the building, it has been determined that the building is no longer NFPA compliant and no longer suited for active burn training. Investigation into repairing the building has determined that it is not cost effective. Investigation into replacing the building has the cost in the range of several million dollars. As an alternative to a block building a steel building is being considered and offers several different configurations during and after construction. The expense is lower, and construction can be completed in under a year. Longevity of this type of building varies with inspection and maintenance performed. More cost information will be presented next month, and funding will be determined based on this information.

Cricket Lane dry hydrant will be permanently removed from service. It has been confirmed that the elimination of this hydrant will not affect ISO rating or insurance in any way. The cost of continually treating the pond is too costly and will take several years before it can be used once treatment is restarted. There have been additional hydrants added in the area which will supplement the need for this hydrant.

Fire Company By-law update was discussed. The first reading will take place at Fire Company's next month's meeting. President Gary Wilcox will meet with the Auxiliary on Thursday to discuss changes.

A preliminary review of the proposed 2026/2027 District Budget was conducted.

A nominating committee will be established next month.

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A Budget Workshop will be conducted on March 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm at the Main Station to review the proposed budget.

13: New Business – None

14. Executive Session – Entered 8:23, Existed 9:09 “For personnel discussion”.

15. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted

John J. Solury Sr.

Clerk

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