

Fire Advisory Committee

Thursday April 23, 2020

19:00

Via Zoom meeting portal

Minutes

Present:

Kim Austin - Chair
Steve Bodreau - Quinebaug Chief
Matt Grauer - Thompson Hill Chief
John Sharpe - Community Chief
Kyle Cimochoowski - West Thompson Chief
Jeff Sheldon - East Thompson Chief
Christine Chatelle - Citizen
Justine Gendreau - firefighter
Ron Fournier - firefighter
Amy St. Onge - Selectman
Suzanne Witkowski - 2nd Selectman

Absent:

None

1) Call to order @ 19:01

2) Approval of minutes from Feb.

- a. Motion - Kyle C.
- b. Second - Steve B.
- c. Aye-7 Nay-0

3) Review bylaws

- a. Committee members reviewed the bylaws together and discussed a few concerns.
- b. The organization name was discussed and the Thompson Fire Protection Association, Incorporated will be used.
- c. The number of Association members was discussed but will remain the same.
- d. The annual meeting was changed from December to January.
- e. 7 members constitute a quorum as stated in Article VI as opposed to 4 members and a chairperson as stated in Article IV
- f. Needing 2 signatures on all checks was discussed and will remain the same.
- g. The words **and/or appoint** were added to Article VI section 2a.
- h. Christine will find the Internal Revenue Code for Article XI.
- i. Added to Article XI: In case of a short or long term shut down of a fire dept., the Association will have control of the assets

4) Pick physical location for Thompson Fire Protection Association

- a. Quinebaug Fire Dept was decided on.
- b. Christine will find out about obtaining PO Box.

5) Other information

- a. Alternates need to be sworn in; chiefs were given options of how to get it done.
- b. A vote of fire department members from each fire house in favor of Association is needed.
- c. The next steps for paperwork to state and town were discussed.
- d. Kim has resigned as Chairperson and Christine was voted into position.
 - 1. Motion - Kyle C.
 - 2. Second - Matt G.
 - 3. Unanimous vote

6) Adjourn @ 21:08, motion - Kyle C. second - Steve B. unanimously approved