

Fire Advisory Committee

Thursday July 23, 2020

19:00

Community Fire Department

Minutes

Present:

Christine Chatelle - Chair

John Sharpe - Community Chief

Steve Bodreau - Quinebaug Chief

Matt Grauer - Thompson Hill Chief

Kyle Cimochoowski - West Thompson Chief

Justine Gendreau - Quinebaug Alternate

Ron Fournier - East Thompson Alternate

Absent

None

1) Call to order @ 19:00

2) Approval of minutes from June

- a. Motion - Kyle C.
- b. Second - John S.
- c. Aye - 5 Nay - 0

3) Review Bylaws

- a. The committee members reviewed the bylaws and have numerous questions pertaining to the TFPA. Should the TFPA members live in Thompson? Do dept. Bylaws supersede TFPA bylaws or vice versa? What happens if the TFPA disbands?
- b. The Committee will review the bylaws further at the next meeting.

4) Next steps for Thompson Fire Protection Association

- a. The vote of all members of each fire dept. in favor of the TFPA is in process.
John S. emailed a form letter to the chiefs. A number of questions were raised by dept members in discussing acceptance of the TFPA.
- b. The chiefs would like a meeting with the BOS and BOF to get clarification on some concerns as well as get a commitment from the town officials that the annual budget for the TFPA will never be reduced once it is set.

5) Other information

- a. The Selectman's office provided some information about the annual OSHA reporting requirement. The chiefs were unaware of this requirement and assumed reporting all incidents to the Town Hall was sufficient.
- b. Forthill Farms needs a large amount of water to start their new digester at the end of August and asked the departments for help. The chiefs discussed possible solutions.
- c. Jeff Sheldon has retired as chief of East Thompson Fire Dept.
- d. Next meeting Thursday Aug 27, 2020.

6) Adjourn @ 20:21 motion - Kyle C. second - John S. unanimously approved