

Fire Advisory Committee

Special Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 2, 2021

19:00

Via Zoom Portal

Minutes

Present:

Christine Chatelle - Chair

John Sharpe - Community Chief

Justine Gendreau - Quinebaug Alternate

Matt Grauer - Thompson Hill Chief

Mathew Whipple - West Thompson Chief

Ron Fournier - East Thompson Chief

Marie Mongeau - Selectman's Office

Absent

Steve Bodreau - Quinebaug Chief

1) Call to order @ 19:00

2) Approval of minutes from October

- a. Motion - Mat W.
- b. Second - John S.
- c. Aye - 6 Nay - 0

3) Budget

- a. The chiefs discussed the budgets they have prepared to present to the Board of Selectmen.
- b. Currently, there is no line item to add capital expenses into their budgets. They are concerned about unforeseen expenditures and staying in compliance.

- c. The chiefs would like the opportunity to present their budgets directly to the Board of Finance.
- d. Meeting with the Board of Selectmen for presentations scheduled for Feb. 10, 2021.

4) Next Steps for TFPA

- a. During the budget presentation, the chiefs are going to reiterate their interest in forming the Thompson Fire Protection Associate, as well as seek guidance as to if there is anything they can do under current circumstances and restrictions to move the process forward.

5) Other information

- a. There has been talk in the Board of Selectmen about potentially changing the firefighter tax abatement to a tax exemption or retirement plan. The chiefs have questions and concerns. Mat W. offered to reach out to the Woodstock Fire Protection Association to find out how they handle their retirement plan.
- b. The Board of Selectman is currently looking for a new town physician which would conduct the firefighter's physicals. Christine will email the First Selectman to see if there are any updates in the process.

6) Adjourn @ 19:48 motion - Mat W. second - Matt G. unanimously approved

Next meeting March 25, 2021 at 19:00