

Fire Advisory Committee
July 25, 2019
7:00pm
Station 84 - Thompson Hill Fire Department

MINUTES

Attendance - present:

Kimberly Austin - FAC Chair
John Sharpe - Community Fire Department Chief
Kyle Cimochoowski - West Thompson Fire Department Chief
Steve Bodreau - Quinebaug Fire Department Chief
Matt Grauer - Thompson Hill Fire Department Chief
Jeff Sheldon - East Thompson Fire Department Chief
1 Firefighter

Attendance - absent:

none

- 1. Call to Order @ 19:07**
- 2. Approval of the May Minutes**
 - a. Motion by Kyle C.
 - b. Second by Steve B.
 - c. No discussion, unanimously approved
- 3. Update on May Meeting**
 - a. Two names were given that qualify for the tax abatements. They will be forwarded to the Selectman's office to discuss getting their paperwork processed.
 - b. Mark Petrone is working on Trident Software. The fire chiefs have all agreed that any safety training that needs to be completed can be found on the VFIS website; it is no longer necessary to have Mark present for a staff training.
 - c. Kim will meet with the BoS in August to review what the committee has accomplished in the last year.
 - d. Tentatively - 9/19/19 Mike Doherty and Russ Dowd will attend the BoF and BoS meeting to discuss the Woodstock Model.

- e. Tentatively - 10/17/19 Chief Ide will attend the BoF and BoS meeting to discuss a Fire Tax District.
 - f. Superintendent Melinda Smith will attend FAC meeting in August to discuss a potential Firefighter career pathway at TMHS.
4. **Contact for Town** - It was discussed that all town correspondence will go through the FAC chair. Kim will ask the town for a town email if one can not be established she will create a separate gmail account for the FAC chair. It was also brought up that we need to make a change to the abatement ordinance. The first change will be to increase the amount of the abatement due to the state rate changing. The second change will be to remove the statement that each fire chief needs to personally conduct a list of qualified firefighters and get it notarized prior to handing into the town for processing. The FAC would like to change this to meet every January to discuss the qualified firefighters and to set up one list to be presented to the town by the FAC chair.
 5. **FAC Update presentation for BoS** Changes have been made to the power point presentation. Kim and the fire chiefs will be ready to present to the BoS during their August meeting.
 6. **Community Fire Department** A meeting with the BoF will be rescheduled for Community FD to present their plans for a new building. Once this is completed the presentation will be posted on the website for public review.
 7. **Fundraising Ideas** Nicole Beck was unable to attend the meeting but did present a packet of information for the fire chiefs on fundraising ideas including a facebook fundraising button and a private website. Added to the packet was amazon smile and restaurant fundraisers. The Chiefs will be able to review this information and use as they see fit.
 8. **Other Concerns and Comments** Next FAC meeting is Thursday August 22nd at station 85, East Thompson Fire Department at 7:00pm
 9. **Adjourn** at 20:44 Motion by Kyle C., Second by John S. Unanimously approved