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 Cimochowski - 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