SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2021

7:00 pm

***City/Town Representatives:*** **Present**: Aaron Dyer - *Charlton,* Graham Champagne – *Corinth,*

Kevin Barkley Jr. - *Galway,* Robert Williams - *Greenfield,* Pete Shaw - *Malta,* Kevin Krogh - *Milton*,

Tom Wood – *Northumberland,* David Houston - *Providence,* Joseph Dolan - C/O *Saratoga Springs*,

Brian Myers - *Saratoga,* Tom Rinaldi – *Stillwater,* Don Baldwin – *Waterford,* Bill Morgan – *Wilton*

**Excused:** Bill Crawford - *Ballston*, Patrick Champagne - *Clifton Park*, Billy Winslow – *Hadley,*

Art Hunsinger - *Halfmoon*, John Smith Jr. - *South Glens Falls*

**Absent:** Alex Rockwell – *Edinburg,* Matt Dunn - *C/O Mechanicville*,

**Present**: Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay, Director Steve Gordon - Sheriff’s Department, Les Bonesteel – OES,

Kevin Barkley Sr. – OES

The meeting was called to order, the pledge was said and a moment of silence was observed for fallen brethren.

Kevin Krogh made a motion to accept the April minutes second by Aaron Dyer, unanimous.

Commissioner Zeilman information

* The grant money came for the mobile communications vehicle and a resolution will be requested next week.

Fire Coordinator Tremblay

* State Classes
* Live Fire
  + - Clifton Park – 30 registered
    - Charlton Fire – 23 registered
    - Porter Corners – 20 registered
    - Gansevoort – 20 registered
  + Blended Learning BEFO/FF1
    - FTC - 20 registered
  + Apparatus Operator: Pump Operations
    - Corinth finished with 18
    - Burnt Hills finished with 17
  + FF2
    - Ballston Spa finished with 20
    - Vischer Ferry – 15 preregistered
* Fire Police class TBD
* Just a reminder that we will be starting the en-route procedures and going to the assigned TAC channel beginning June 1. I will send out a reminder before then.

Director Gordon

* Mike McEvoy will be holding a Field Ops orientation in zone 5 on Tuesday and one on Wednesday at the zone 4 meeting. If there is anyone else interested, Mike or I can do that.

Mike McEvoy information

* no information to bring forward

Chairman Shaw

* If you need the latest CDC guidance for business etc. you can get them from Ed.

Vice Chairman Rinaldi

* If anyone is having issues getting their excelsior pass, contact Mike McEvoy. If the input is not correct, you will not be able to load the pass.

*Committee Reports*

* Hazmat – Bill M.
  + I spoke to Chief Dolan and we are planning a drill for late June.
* Mutual Aid
  + no information to bring forward
* Personnel
  + no information to bring forward
* Fire Training Center
  + Ed – a maintenance request has been placed for cleaning inside the burn building.
* Legislative information -
* There are seven days left in this legislative session with 21 pages of bills with many related to code enforcement.
* A few bills moving forward are:
  + EMS cost recovery
  + LOSAP amendment
  + Removal of carcinogenic materials from upholstered and other furniture
  + Property tax credit for volunteers
  + Changes in define contribution plan for LOSAP
  + Requires that meeting minutes of a public body be posted on its website if the agency has a website
  + Bill to establish first responder safety zones and penalties for violations
  + New vessel that has enclosed accommodations will be required to have a functioning marine carbon monoxide detection system
  + Amendment of the public offices law requires documents to be discussed at open meetings be available upon request and posted to the public bodies website 24 hours prior to meeting
  + Authorizes emergency medical care personnel to provide basic first aid to cats and dogs
  + Designates the month of September as firefighter, police and emergency medical technician appreciation month
  + Local building and planning regulations to accommodate the use of certain renewable and alternative energy sources
  + Workers comp is on the agenda for tomorrow

A new scorecard update will be sent out tomorrow. Greyed out items will probably not make it out of Committee. The items in black or have notation with them, may be the ones that move through.

* Budget –
  + Art - I am meeting with my Supervisor this week to discuss the Training Tower Operator Position. I’m hoping the FAB can have a plan together so we can make it happen in 2022.
* Radio information– Art
  + We will begin shooting the training video the beginning of June. I will be working with the departments with members in the Radio Committee and will have an update at the June meeting. We hope this video will help with annual training and training new members in our departments.
  + I want to make sure we work with the Mutual Aid Committee and include important changes, if any, coming to the Mutual Aid Plan once reviewed by the FAB.
* Recruitment & Retention information – Art
  + Unfortunately, there are no numbers back from FASNY yet on how Recruit NY went this year. I’m hoping by June, we have some idea if the virtual worked for departments and how may held in station events. A couple of ideas are developing for recruiting for the Fall – details to come.

Guests

* Kevin Barkley Sr.
  + Thank you to Steve Gordon and Mike McEvoy for the presentation at the zone 4 meeting.
  + Thank you to the Chief Almy of Scotia and those that helped with the big brush fire.

Old Business

* no old business to discuss

New Business

* no new business to address

Good and Welfare

* The next meeting will be Monday June 28, 7:00 pm at the FTC.

Brian Meyers made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Kevin Krogh.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Cook

Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services