

MEETING MINUTES

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
January 30, 2023
Zoom only**

Committee members present: David Douglas, John Bell, Paul Yingling, Kelly Hunter

Members absent: Dan Battin (on leave)

Ex-officio members present: Mayor Todd Dixon, Trustee Nick Donzello, Town Manager Becky Frank, Town Clerk Bo Ayad

Recording Secretary Carolyn Bowers

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	Motion/2nd	DD	JB	PY	KH	
1. Call to order	6:36 pm Mountain						
2. Election of 2023 officers	David Douglas, chair Paul Yingling, vice chair Carolyn Bowers, recording secretary	JB, KH	X	X	X	X	
3. ROW remediation project; CUSP grant	Douglas asked for members' comments on a draft release from liability drawn by GMF's attorney. Bell said it was overly long and onerous, not workable. He expects very little compliance. Douglas said under the draft language, CUSP mitigators could prevent owners from entering their homes/structures if they thought doing so impeded their work. CUSP would have a license to enter without any liability for damages. Frank said she would ask the attorney for clarification.						
4. Modification of draft release of liability language	Change existing language pertaining to license to enter	JB, KH	X	X	X	X	
5. Right to enter property language	The committee recommends the town manager ask for new draft language addressing encroachment. The committee will ask CUSP about negotiating separately with property owners over right to enter homes/structures.	DD, JB	X	X	X	X	

6. Owner signatures on liability release; survey as last resort	Frank said 100 per cent of owners with property abutting rights-of-way must sign the liability release. Dixon said if owners refuse to sign because of unclear property lines, surveys can be used as a last resort.						
7. Widening ROWs	Douglas will lead FMAC's work on widening ROWs on developed roads.						
8. Door-to-door campaign; block captains	Yingling will head both development of a door-to-door campaign and development of a block captain program. He said 168 letters the ROW project and liability release were sent to property owners; some hand-delivered.						
9. Partnership with Ute Pass Elementary, Red Cross	Hunter said Ute Pass Elementary and the Red Cross will partner with FMAC to provide education about fire safety. This includes a table at Back-to-School night and a message from the school inviting parents to sign up for FMAC emails. Yingling will send the Tip of the Month to Ute Pass for distribution. All activities scheduled with Ute Pass Elementary and other area schools will be entered on FMAC calendar.						
10. Tip of the Month	Approval of February Tip of the Month discussing home fire evacuation.	DD, KH	X	X	X	X	
11. Mayor's newsletter	Dixon said Tip of the Month will appear in his monthly newsletter						
12. Assessment plan update	Tabled; subcommittee will form						
13. Dan Battin	He is leaving the committee; FMAC seeks his replacement; will post announcement on Facebook, other media. Battin is willing to do assessments upon request.						
14. Resident and property owner data base update	Yingling said we should continue to keep community informed about FMAC activities like Chipper Days. He will merge old and new						

	data bases. Frank suggested partnering with Fire Chief Steve Murphy to broaden awareness of fire protection in Ute Pass.						
15. Formation of subcommittees	Subcommittees must have Board of Trustee approval, they report to FMAC. Frank suggested they be “task groups” that disband when their job is done.						
16. GOCO grant update	Frank: Update will occur after site visit						
17. Chipper Days	Bell will ask Woodland Park for use of chipper on weekends in June and September.						
18. Ute Pass Evacuation Exercise Meeting	A preliminary planning meeting takes place March 9 at the Fire Station.						
19. Proposed legislation	<p>Dixon reported draft legislation would move authority for fire codes to a state board. This would overrule GMF’s land use code.</p> <p>HR 23-1075 Wildfire Evacuation and Clearance Time Modeling, Marc Snyder (D-Denver) provides resources for modeling evacuation</p> <p>HR-23-1096 Promotion of wildfire-resistant homes; expands funding for mitigation</p> <p>A Senate bill Wildfire, technology. Installation of cameras around state to detect fire more quickly.</p>						
Adjournment	8:19 pm Mountain						