



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
July 26, 2021 6:30 PM**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

David Douglas
Dan Battin
Rich Bowman
Nathan Scott

Town Staff Present

Matt Gordon

Board Members Absent

Alternate

Secretary

Matt Gordon

Regular Meeting:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

2. Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda
Chair requested to have a CUSP update as agenda item 6.

3. Persons Present Not on the Agenda, 3 Minutes per Speaker

4. Consent Agenda
Bowman moved to approve. Second by Douglas. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business
Scott provided details and an update on the evacuation plan maps he created for the Town's upcoming Evacuation Plan. Scott asked if secondary refuge areas needed to be included on the evac maps. Members agreed to include those areas in future iterations of the maps. Members agreed to present the Evac Plan to the BOT at the next regular meeting to be held on August 3rd.

Bowman moved to present the notification and evac plan as well as make a recommendation to purchase two notification sirens in 2022 to the BOT. Seconded Battin. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CUSP Update
Michelle Connelly provided an update on the grant that CUSP has applied for and reported that the State has confirmed that 26 projects will be funded, 5 will be partially funded, and 16 projects that are still under consideration. The State has not made a final decision on the grant that CUSP has applied for.

The 40-acre grant was funded/approved and CUSP is waiting on a funding letter to be sent by August or September to officially begin work.

40-acre grant will be dedicated to Town owned property and Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation property surrounding the town and will be funded by this grant and CSU and historic foundation, this is also federal funding. Second grant is a 53-acre grant through state funding and town money, waiting to hear if they received it and will included the same property focus as the 40-acre grant but will also include some private parcels. Both grants will provide up to three years to complete work.

Members discussed future budget needs to continue matching these grants in future years with Town money.

Douglas asked if Iona could be included in 53-acre grant, Connelly shared that it would.

Connelly shared a document with the FMAC describing how CUSP projects happen in a step-by-step process.

Discussion moved onto the fuels mitigation map provided by CUSP and the map created by Scott using CUSP data assessing fire risk on properties in GMF. Douglas asked about conflicting data between the maps. Adrian Knight from CUSP clarified that the assessments have multiple factors in determining risk and even though mitigation had been done on certain properties, those other factors influence the risk assessed on the property.

Battin mentioned that for new builds, if the Town adopted fire safe building codes to require future structures to be built to these standards to further minimize fire risk. Wildland, urban, interface building code for minimizing fire risk.

Discussion continued on the fire risk map. Member discussed the importance of educating the public on the necessity of performing fuels mitigation. Members discussed what would be included in a potential packet for education to be dispersed to residents in Town.

7. New Business

Risk assessment map discussion opened with Douglas asking what we should do to maximize the effectiveness of the map in addressing fire risk. Bowman recommended keeping this as an internal document. Battin shared that the map could use some more specifics to better understand areas that have higher risk that also have hazards that can be mitigated. Bowman shared that four categories are used to determine whether a structure can be saved. Battin and Bowman committed to assessing a number of properties.

Discussion continued regarding the presentation he provided to the BOT. Members shared that it was helpful in providing clarity on FMAC projects.

8. Reports

Battin has a meeting scheduled with Steve Rudolph to walk the Iona property to survey the trees in the area for mitigation.

Douglas shared that why he is so data focused is that grants require specific information for awards to be possible.

Douglas then requested that members bring education materials/lists that exist and need to be communicated to residents for fuels mitigation/building hardening purposes.

Gordon shared that Fred Thrash is on the agenda for tomorrow night and that cloud services are not acceptable to use due to OML requirements.

9. Correspondence

10. Adjourn
Adjourn at 8:38pm

Secretary

Chair