



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

March 27th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:30	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
6:30	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	FMC Action Desired
6:30	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
6:30	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from February 27th Meeting	FMC Action Desired
6:35	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. CUSP Grant ROW Remediation Project 1. Updates regarding boundary marking 2. Update on Release Agreement returns and issues 3. Update on distribution plan for Release Agreement and Maps a. Door to door campaign for obtaining releases b. Mailing c. Social Media b. Education Program Update and Recommendation 1. Recent Developments 2. Monthly tip 3. March communication 4. Upcoming Events Calendar c. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only)	FMC Action Desired
7:35	6.	NEW BUSINESS a. Project to Update GMF CIP and Strategy Plan b. WMILC Grant Application c. Formation of subcommittees i. Block Captains ii. Assessments iii. Grants	FMC Action Desired

*Please note: Times are approximate.

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		d. Develop a list of potential FMAC candidates	
7:45	7.	REPORTS a. None	Information Only
8:00	8.	CORRESPONDENCE a. None	Information Only
8:00	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

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Town of Green Mountain Falls
Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm Mountain time
All members participated on Zoom

Committee Members Present

Chair David Douglas
Vice Chair Paul Yingling
Member John Bell
Member Kelly Hunter

Trustees Members

Mayor Todd Dixon
Nick Donzello

Recording Secretary

Carolyn Bowers

Town Staff Present

None

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Yingling moved to accept the agenda as posted. Hunter seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bowers asked for clarification on Dan Battin's leaving the committee. Chair Douglas said Battin sent an email to him stating he was resigning.

Mayor Dixon reported a bill proposed in the state legislature to create a 21-member panel that would dictate wildland-urban interface codes. Ten members would be appointed. The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) opposes the bill as drafted. Dixon co-chairs PPACG's legislative committee.

Hunter said Mark Moralez was also attending on Zoom. She has suggested he apply to fill the vacancy left by Battin.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Douglas moved and Yingling seconded a motion to adopt the minutes from the Jan. 12, 2023 meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Waiver of liability letter concerning rights-of-way (ROW) mitigation

Yingling reported that CUSP has begun marking trees to establish boundaries for mitigating ROWs adjacent to private property. Trees are marked for boundaries, not for cutting. Douglas said under the terms of the agreement, once boundaries are marked,

owners will have 30 days to comment on them. The committee discussed how owners of multiple, undeveloped properties that may not have addresses are to be identified on the liability release form. Yingling estimated there are about 25 properties lacking numbers. He suggested owners could identify them by their parcel or lot numbers, which are already entered on a spreadsheet of ROWs he created. Douglas, Hunter and Bell agreed. No vote was necessary.

Douglas moved the committee approved the liability release agreement for distribution to property owners. Hunter seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

b. Plan for Distributing Release of Liability to owners

The primary mode of distribution is mailing to property owners. A door-to-door campaign and social media and email are supplementary. Yingling said 191 packets that include the release and a map are needed. Yingling, Hunter and Bell said they are available to help collate documents and stuff envelopes.

Yingling said responses from the mailing will reduce the number of “door knocks” needed to inform owners about the release. Owners can also submit releases by email.

Douglas moved that the map showing numbered ROWs marked in red accompany the release. Bell seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The committee discussed the need for a cover letter to go with the release and map to explain why owners are receiving the release. It should be signed by Town Manager Frank and possibly Mayor Dixon. Bowers will draft a letter and send a copy, by individual email, to each committee member. Members will send their comments only to Douglas who will incorporate them in a final draft to go to Frank, hopefully by Friday, March 3. Douglas will advise Frank of these plans.

The committee may develop Frequently Asked Questions about the release for posting on the town’s website. The content can change, depending on what questions are asked.

c. Education Plan

Bell said it would be beneficial for committee members to learn about the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Incident Command System; how it is created and executed. Understanding it could enable them to participate in emergencies in a meaningful way. Bell will send modules of FEMA’s internal education program to committee members.

Bell reported he is waiting for confirmation for Chipper Days weekend in September, the Green Box hikes to educate people on how forests are mitigated and how to recognize tree diseases will be July 1 and July 2, Bronc Day is last weekend in July.

Hunter has received no word from the Manitou system’s security team about a leadership meeting. This could be because the system’s superintendent just resigned.

Douglas moved and Hunter seconded a motion to approve the March Tip of the Month. Motion was approved 4-0. The Tip focuses on planning for evacuating from the home.

d. Assessment Plan update No report.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Douglas opened the discussion on forming subcommittees and their purpose.

Assessment: Subcommittee members trained to assess risks around homes and help owners make their homes safer from fire. Douglas said Battin has agreed to help out as a “resource consultant” to help train subcommittee members to do assessments.

Other subcommittees should reflect the committee’s priorities: education, grants and resources. There’s also need for a volunteer coordinator.

Block captains should be a subcommittee, Douglas said. The committee will discuss their roles and responsibilities at the March meeting.

Action items: Bowers drafting liability release cover letter for Frank’s signature. Douglas will apprise Frank of it. Bell will continue actions on education. Hunter will continue followup on school leadership conference, plus put Mark Moralez in touch with Douglas.

6. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

GMF Fire Mitigation Tip

April 2023



The Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee asked the Artificial Intelligence site Chat GPT how chipping reduces wildfire risk. Here's what we learned:

- 1. Chipping removes fuels that allows wildfires to move laterally from one area to another.**
- 2. Chipping removes the “ladder fuels” that allow wildfires to move vertically from the ground to treetops.**
- 3. Chipping increases the defensible space around homes and other structures, increasing the likelihood that these structures will survive a wildfire.**



Thanks to all who contribute time and energy to the Green Mountain Falls Chipper Program. You help keep our town safe from the risk of Wildfire!

Would you like to learn more about keeping your family, your property, and your neighbors safe? Connect with your neighbors on the GMF Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee at the link below, or use the QR code:

<https://forms.gle/Kbi76R7gvQYK9XGU6>





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To: Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

From: John Bell

RE: 2023 Education Calendar, March 24, 2023

Team,

The FMAC education event calendar is a work in progress. Status will be updated monthly as dates and events are secured.

Event	Date	Comment
Monthly Safety Tip	Each Month	Created and distributed by Paul
Town Meeting: ROW Mitigation Project	Feb 6	
Chipper Day #1	June 10 & 11	
Green Box Hike 1	July 1, Sat	Same hike agenda both days: Private property mitigation example, ROW example, MHYC mitigation on Thomas Trail
Green Box Hike 2	July 2, Sun	Same as July 1
Bronc Day Information Booth	July 29	We have option to set-up outside FoUPT Pancake Breakfast or with vendors near lake
Chipper Day #2	Sept 16& 17	