



MEETING MINUTES

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
August 30, 2021
6:30 p.m. In-Person/Zoom Hybrid Meeting**

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Fred Thrash, Dan Battin

Committee Members Absent: Rich Bowman

GMF Staff: Matt Gordon (Town Clerk), Nate Scott (Town Planner)

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	FT	DB	RB	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:36pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No changes to agenda, “approved” but no official motion. No objections.						
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	Ann Esch shared comment on Blizzard of Embers, reminded all about the tax-deductible donation option to the Town, and mentioned Parks and Trails committee members as valuable assets to mitigation efforts.						
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- July 26, 2021	Moved to approve, motion passed unanimously.	DB/FT	A	A	A		
5. OLD BUSINESS							
a. Revisions to Evacuation Plan	Douglas provided an update on the BOT’s review of the notification and evacuation plan presented to the BOT at a previous BOT meeting and reporting that the approval of the evacuation plan was contingent on the following revisions. Updating the narrative and map to reflect rally points correctly, getting approval from the school district for use of the elementary school, updating the maps to reflect the						

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	<p>correct roads and providing info to know which map to refer to depending on fire location, speaking to the fire department regarding methods of notification, approaching the owners of Joyland for use of their parking lot.</p> <p>Volunteer Nate Scott offered to talk with the school district about using the school as a rally (“Temporary Refuge Zone” point in evac situations and reporting back to the FMAC.</p> <p>Members agreed to write the draft of the narrative of the evac plan separately and would report to Douglas with changes for Douglas to compile.</p> <p>Further discussion ruled out the school as a “Temporary Refuge Zone”. Due to logistics, potential conflict with school traffic, proximity to RT 24.</p> <p>Chair Douglas will reach out to Joyland owners about using that lot as a “Temporary Refuge Zone”.</p> <p>Map reference – how to refer to a specific map? Evac plan (not map) should have narrative about which specific situation(s) correspond to which evacuation map.</p> <p>No formal committee action.</p>						
b. CUSP Grant – Fuels Mitigation	<p>Adrian Knight from CUSP provided an update on the 53 acres grant with 8 acres to be used for fire mitigation on GMF Town Property. Members discussed where to spend the fire mitigation money and determined that it would be spent on the Iona/Scott mitigation project as well as continuing work on Thomas Trail and the Wallace Reserve. Members then</p>						

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	<p>discussed what could be used of the grant for private property fire mitigation and Adrian Knight confirmed that there would be 3 acres available, and that CUSP would commit to a 70%/30% match for private landowners. The timeline for the grant project to start would be slated to begin in late September through November of 2021.</p> <p>How to inform public of the matching grant funding through CUSP. Determined that residents should contact CUSP directly for assessment of property and participating in the program. Staff will touch base with the “Iona letter” respondents and get them in touch with Michelle Connelly.</p> <p>Discussed other methods of informing public of the ongoing program. Post office presence, etc.</p> <p>No official committee action.</p>						
<p>6. NEW BUSINESS</p>							
<p>a. Blizzard of Embers Campaign</p>	<p>Conversation transitioned to the Blizzards of Ember proposal created and presented by Resident Carolyn Bowers. Members agreed to pursue the concept of Blizzard of Embers. Discussion commenced about how this would look – independent website vs. page on the Town website that requires Staff management. Further discussion and logistics planning will be discussed at future meetings.</p>						
<p>b. Recruiting new committee members</p> <p>i. Appoint Vice Chair</p> <p>ii. Appoint Secretary</p>	<p>Battin moved to appoint Nate Scott to Secretary position. Seconded by Thrash. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Battin moved to appoint Rich Bowman to Vice Chair. Second by Thrash. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>DB/FT</p> <p>DB/FT</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p>	<p>A</p> <p>A</p>		

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c. Citizen notification of matching funds							
7. REPORTS							
a. Notification and Evacuation	Triage data from Rich and Dan. Nate has not been able to map this information yet.						
b. Fuels Mitigation	Nothing in addition to Iona project, CUSP discussion.						
c. Grants	Nothing reported.						
d. Education	This was covered in Blizzard of Embers. Need ideas for information dissemination. Wallace Reserve, Town meetings, Post Office notices, other ideas. D. Battin recommends taking before and after pics of Iona project to broadcast on webpage.						
8. CORRESPONDENCE	Next meeting, Monday, Sept. 27 th , 2021, 6:30 PM						
9. ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm						