



MEETING MINUTES

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
June 22, 2022
6:30 p.m. In person or Zoom Meeting**

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Dan Battin (Zoom), Rich Bowman, Kelly Hunter (Zoom)

Committee Members Absent:

Ex-officio member Trustee Donzello: on Zoom

GMF Staff: Nate Scott (Town Clerk/Treasurer, FMAC Secretary)

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	Motion/ 2nd	DD	DB	RB	KH	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	Motion to accept agenda as it stands.	RB/DB	A	A	A	A	
3. PERSONS NOT PRESENT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Carolyn Bowers asks if chat is turned off. N. Scott says that we don't monitor chat during Zoom. C. Bowers asks for K. Hunter's email address. No other public comment.						
4. CONSENT AGENDA	a. Minutes from 05/30/2022 Motion to approve minutes without changes.	DB/RB	A	A	A	A	
NEW BUSINESS							
5. Project Prioritization Exercise – David Douglas	Chair Douglas introduces the conversation as refocus to more local-level activities that should be prioritized. Chair Douglas explains the table of priority ranking. Chair Douglas asks committee members to take the lead on these project areas.						

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	<p>Kelly Hunter volunteers to head up the Education Team area. Dan Battin volunteers to lead Assessment Team and Homeowner assistance areas. Rich Bowman will work with Don Walker on the slash, logs, and debris removal. Chair Douglas will take on the RoW mitigation and Chipper Projects areas. Next meeting should have draft scope-of-work documents for each program. No formal action taken.</p>						
<p>6. Green Box Mayor’s Forum – Materials Review – David Douglas</p>	<p>Chair Douglas leads review of the materials to presented at the Forum: Private Owner’s Participation Form, reminder of the hike through Wallace Reserve that will take place after the Mayor’s Forum, and the Fire Mitigation Resource List for Citizens of the Town of GMF. No formal action taken.</p>						
<p>7. Bronc Day Booth Update – Dan Battin and/or Kelly Hunter</p>	<p>K. Hunter updates process regarding getting a banner for the booth – discussion about possible alternatives. Discussion about other handouts that could be gathered for the booth. N. Scott advises that the town can print regular quality handouts, but not glossy brochures. Discussion about taking donations; N. Scott says the town can account for these, and that staff and board are working on donation policy for larger amounts. No formal action taken.</p>						
<p>8. MHYC/COSWAP Grant Update</p>	<p>a. SOW for slash and log removal Chair Douglas summarizes the history of the COSWAP grant and the town’s responsibility to remove fuel from the work site. i. Don Walker work plan Discussion about the plan as presented and email correspondence which is in the packet. Discussion about the evolution of plans for fuel removal and concerns that staff raised about the winching work plan. Don Walker summarizes his work plan and the timeline of his submittal. Mr. Walker questions why his</p>						

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	<p>work plan hasn't been fully accepted. Discussion about the merits of and concerns with the plan and how it could move forward, and what the other options are. A meeting was scheduled to meet and discuss the winching plan further and N. Scott will immediately ask the crews to leave trees intact up to 30' so that the winching plan can be an option in the future.</p> <p>Discussion about the work that MHYC has been doing: D. Battin has concerns about the crown spacing and that some stumps have been left too high. N. Scott will talk to the crew and will be reviewing the site with Forester David Poletti. MHYC already advised that the high stumps will be taken care of.</p> <p>ii. Volunteer Coordination – Rich Bowman and Don Walker; no specific discussion on this.</p> <p>b. MHYC reporting coordination – Nate Scott</p> <p>N. Scott states that MHYC will be sending him statistics every three weeks and there is a form for the Town to rate their work as well.</p>						
9. CUSP Mitigation work update – Nate Scott	<p>N. Scott reports on his conversation with Adrian Knight of CUSP: SWIFT work crew is done, there was a change in logistics that made the partnership impractical. CUSP will use their crew for the Scott/Iona area and will be soliciting bids for the Thomas Trail area. Chair Douglas requests to be notified of further discussions with Adrian (CUSP).</p>						

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10. CORRESPONDENCE	Public comment is allowed – Dori Guyan(?) – comments that previous clerk Chris Frandina used to enforce the nuisance tree ordinance and asks if it can be enforced again now. Chair Douglas suggests that she should direct the question to the Board of Trustees.						
11. ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.						