

**MINUTES**  
**HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**TOWN HALL - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DR.**

**Present:** Jazmine Duncan, Bill Rau, Bob Russell, Pat Drake, Ron Drake, Dave Erley, Greg Halliday, Leta Vaughn.

**Recorder:** Alison Fuller

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jazmine Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

**1. Public Comment**

**2. Approval of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Minutes**

Bob Russell moved to approve the minutes, Dave Erley seconded, The Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Continue Step 3: Develop Mitigation Plan**

Duncan reviewed the Fire prevention mitigation and asked for input and additions.

Rau stated that he had observed that the fuel is different throughout the different levels of the valley and it seemed there needed to be something done to handle fuels located on part-time resident lots. He stated that there is a fire ordinance in the Town that is very vague and it could be updated along with the mitigation strategies the committee may form.

There was discussion around different locations for water sources to fight fire. They discussed finding water sources that do not require electricity and using trucks that could pump water into their tanks when there is not electricity. They discussed other heavy equipment that would be useful for fighting fires and forming a list of residents who are willing to volunteer with their heavy equipment in an emergency. Erley stated that when the Town does get a new water truck that is something to be considered.

Duncan described that through out the preparation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan the group could also develop the Emergency Operation Plan.

Russell wondered if pre-planned fire breaks would be a good idea for mitigation, especially to address part time residents' lots.

Ron Drake inquired about widening roads as fire breaks.

Erley discussed the challenges of executing preventative measures on private property and stated that the Town would keep the roadsides mowed, and if there was life or property at risk the Town had the right to go onto properties to remove risk in the case of flooding and drainages, he thought that perhaps it would be the same with fire risk. He stated that there would need to be an MOU created between the Town and the Fire District to clarify jurisdiction.

The group discussed the extreme fire danger the tumbleweeds have created.

There was discussion around creating an ordinance to require property owners to clean up fire hazards and to possibly take responsibility for hazards they create.

They discussed other options for helping the less fortunate clean up their lots.

The group discussed enforcing the ordinance and possibly using a State inspector to review lots.

Halliday stated that the fire danger is already high and it is extremely dry.

Duncan stated that the group needed to figure out a list of questions to assess, prioritize, and analyze their Hazard Mitigation List.

The group discussed the physical ability to create mitigation efforts, the community acceptance, the fiscal ability, and benefit cost analysis.

Rau inquired about the total number of people that stopped by the Firewise Booth at the Spring Clean-up.

The group discussed Chipper day scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Fire District was overseeing the chipping event.

Erley discussed the Town's need to make a long term plan for the Greenbelt, for wildlife, flood mitigation and fire prevention.

Halliday stated that across from Floyd Stoughton's place he had burned before and scorched the outside of the conduit. He said he didn't burn it but he came close.

There was discussion around power lines that are buried that could be burned and acquiring a map of all the power lines and phone lines in the valley from the utility companies.

Halliday stated that on Shafer there are really deep tumbleweeds that would burn 40' high.

Erley stated that they need to find out what right the Town has to step in and take action on private property. He wanted to know if it would be the responsibility of the Town or the Fire District, and that a MOU should definitely be established between the two entities.

Pat Drake stated that property owners who do not live locally do not seem to understand the fire risk.

Russell stated that the Firewise booth was a real success & the Fire District should continue to do it at the annual Spring Cleanup.

Duncan stated that the grant she got to clean up a citizen's lot and make it fire safe was something she wanted to see happen annually as well.

The group discussed meeting another Wednesday in April since there were 5 Wednesdays in the month, they decided to meet Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Duncan provided maps for the group to review and a support tool to help develop their plan.

Erley stated that he had spoken with an engineer about the Town's drainage issues who had done a lot of work with the CIB and felt that the Shafer Lane easement should be a part of the grant plan and that a pre-fabricated bridge may be a good answer for the Castle Valley Drive crossing. He stated that it would be a several year plan but it would be good to get started on it now.

Rau stated that he felt that the fire issue should be handled soon because the danger is bad now and next year would not be soon enough. He stated that he would love to move this through the PLUC but would need some guidance.

There was discussion around residents being able to afford property maintenance.

**A. Prioritize hazards**

**B. Identify mitigation actions**

**C. Prepare mitigation strategy**

**D. Document the planning process**

**4. Other Needs**

Pat Drake moved to adjourn, Dave Erley seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

Duncan adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

**APPROVED:**

Jasmine Duncan 4/30/14  
Jasmine Duncan, Chair Date:

**ATTESTED:**

Alison Fuller 4.30.14  
Alison Fuller, Town Clerk Date: