

Minutes

Annual Meeting Saturday August 03, 2019

Julie Nessan (Grand County Community Development) was unable to make the meeting: We discussed short term rentals and the procedures that should be followed. For more information, the website is: www.co.grand.co.us and the phone number is 970-725-3737 during normal business hours. The **24/7 HOTLINE** number is 970-725-6022. If you believe that the rules are not being followed you may call this number to file a complaint. The County is committed to making sure that the rules are enforced.

Grand Fire 1: Brad White, Fire Chief and Schelly Olson, Assistant Chief Presented information about the Red Dirt Station and talked about the increase in homes in our area and how that will impact their department. They brought information about readiness assessments. They stressed the importance of being listed on CODE RED so you can be alerted if there is a fire in the area. There is a smart phone APP for CODE RED.

They discussed the assessment of WPH that has been recently completed and indicated the information about each property will be available **PRIVATELY** (via e-mail) soon.

They also impressed upon us that we have the opportunity to use the Cost Share program to help with fuel reduction on our properties. Many residents commented on their success with this program last year. You can call them to help evaluate what needs to be done. 970-887.3380.

Annual Meeting - Bob Colosimo

Call to Order 12:00

Proof of the notice of the meeting

Determination of the quorum present through proxies

39 members were in attendance (27 voting) and 26 proxies = 53 Quorum met Approved Minutes from Annual Meeting 2018

Introduce and thanked current / past board members & Mike Braddy

Treasurers Report and budget for 2018/19 Lynette Teichman was absent but Bob presented the report: \$101,403 in our checking account. Approved.

Old Business:

Signage at Commons – Complete

Continued search for grants - Ongoing

Fire mitigation - Need to continue

Funding for future cisterns - Several ways to contribute (through homeowner fees or through a tax deductable fund at the Grand Foundation)

Continued Communication to the Membership with emphasis on values

Accomplishments

More individual fuel reduction in 2018 than at any time in the past

Highlands Pride Day - General Cleanup – Aaron updated the group on last year's Pride Day and lessons learned: It needs to be ONE DAY. It is too much to monitor the dumpsters overnight. The electronic disposal was a big hit.

Grand County Community Development Involvement (P&Z, STRs)

Pond Firming Project & Improved access to meeting area

Internet access project - Mike Hagerty is working with providers for better access.

BLM / Firewise / Wildfire Council Involvement: As a Firewise Community, WPH is responsible to account for **AT LEAST 1 HOUR** of "in kind' labor to maintain in 'Good Standing'! Being a Firewise Community provides opportunity for access to grant funding and education materials. The formula is based on the number of people in WPH and how well we use our resources to continue our mitigation efforts. Please keep a record of the work you do for fire mitigation (cost and your own 'in kind' labor so we can report it for Firewise) This year it was met through the work of just 6 families.

Water Rights / Pond Firming Project - Bob Colosimo explained that the project, which began last fall, is mostly complete. Our progressive goal is to apply for permanent water rights for Bielenberg Pond. This work was funded by a grant extension from the BLM.

Trash enclosure Issues - Aaron Zeischang explained that he has been the "go to" person for issues with trash enclosure but stressed that "all of us" should pick up trash when necessary and help keep it presentable.

Key Issues & Updates

Membership – 216 Members 315 - 911 signs on the properties **Firewise Community** – Impact on Insurance rates, proximity to cisterns, fire stations, & Fire Mitigation efforts. We will work to have the Firewise reporting forms updated on the website for ease of reporting.

Short Term Rentals – We are following County guidelines. Flyer will be available on our website.

Internet / Communication - Mike Hagerty has been looking at all possible options...it is ongoing.

Board Members update – Cress Carter, Susan Oderwald &, Heidi McNinch have moved out of WPH and no longer will be on the Board.

Board Member Terms:

Sherry Pelton, Fred Chapin, Karen Bishop 2020 (6 years) Lynette Teichman, Bob Colosimo, 2020 (2023) Mike Hagerty, Tammy Gillespie 2022 (2025)

New Board members:

Judy McNary, Kerry Zeischang, Nathan O'Rourke 2022 (2025)

Architectural Committee: Aaron will chair that committee.

New Business

Pride Day: The membership agreed that they would like to have another Pride Day. Aaron will coordinate that effort and manage it. A notice will be sent out to the membership when the date has been determined.

Turn lanes into the Highlands was discussed. Bob will make inquiries to find out what our next steps will be in that process.

2019 - 2020 Goals

New Board Members / Volunteers (Wildfire Council & Firewise)
Updating of Map - potential grant money available
Individual property cleanup - potential grant money available
War on Junipers
Community Chipping Program - Form will be on our website
Cistern at the top of Greenridge - contractor availability
Determination of Permanent water rights application

ANNUAL MEETING DATE AUGUST 1, 2020

Adjourn meeting: 1:20pm