

**VILLAGE OF TAOS SKI VALLELY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 9, 2014
1:00 P.M.
VTSV VILLAGE OFFICES**

AGENDA AND NOTES

I. Call to Order

II. New Business

- A. Discussion and Implementation of ideas from the NM Wildland Urban Interface Summit. It was held for two days in April and attended by Kathy, Jim, Sheila, Roger, Dave, and John. We came away with lots of great information on becoming a Firewise Community.**

1) Simtable demo – June 3rd at VC Meeting. This will be a demonstration of a wildfire should it happen in the Village. It is a computer simulation and Kathy said she would try to get as many property owners as possible to attend. We are trying to get the Columbine Conference Center for this Village Council Meeting.

2) Burnboss/Air Burner demonstration – Power point demo at the same June 3rd meeting, that shows what can be done with slash piles. Very good demo. Air burner discussed at length.

MOTION: Move to have an Air Burner power point demo at the June 3rd Village Council Meeting.

Motion: Roger Pattison **Seconded:** Bill Engle **Unanimously approved.**

3) Notification to the public regarding items 1 and 2. Kathy said she would try to notify as many people as possible in an attempt to get everyone to attend this meeting, including stakeholders like TSV, Inc. and the Forest Service. Perhaps someone from Taos County Emergency Management.

- B. Discussion with Bill Engle, Rock N Snow Firewise Thinning Company. Bill said he has been urging people to thin out their properties since 2003, but hasn't had much luck. He talked about grant money from Soil and Conservancy in the Past, where 10 properties were done, but Bill said he approached 47 homeowners at that time. April said that last year, Soil and Conservancy would not approve Grant money for a homeowner, if property owners that abut her property on both sides did not get their properties done as well. Bill is very concerned about the possibility of a wildland fire in the Village.**

- C. Formation of Firewise Board of Directors and first meeting date.**

(Idea – why not combine the two entities into one meeting?)

Both entities will meet at the May 7th meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices. Firewise projects will be handled by the Board of Directors; Public Safety will handle other safety issues. Kathy Bennett is the Chairperson for the Board of Directors. Members are Jim Woodard, Sheila Duffy, April Bender, Roger Pattison, Bill Engle. Staff consists of Dave Wallace and John Miller.

- D. Siren System Report – Kathy Bennett. The first siren has been ordered. Delivery in 5 weeks. Will be installed at the Firehouse and tested to see how far the siren can be heard. That will determine if we need one more siren or two. The other two sirens will be allocated in next year's budget.**

E. Evacuation Instructions for all rentals/condos/residences/businesses

Sheila is rewriting the Evacuation Plan to make it shorter. It is being rewritten to comply with summer construction, as Tenderfoot Katies will not always be accessible. The new evacuation destination if Route 150 is not accessible, is the Kid's Center on Firehouse Road. Simply put, once you hear the sirens pay attention. Gather your things and drive to the parking lot near the guard shack, where Law Enforcement/Emergency Personnel will direct people where to go, i.e., down Route 150 or to the Kid's Center. We will see to it that the new Evacuation Plan is distributed to EVERY condo, rental, residential, and businesses.

Wildfire Evacuation Route Signs – Frank Manfretti @ LMF. Kathy will try to contact Frank to see if he can make up a few signs and Jaynes Corporation can position them wherever they are needed based on construction this summer.

F. Ready, Set, Go Project Update – Kathy registered the Village with this Organization. Educational packages have been received. We will order more packages to be handed out to property owners.

G. Discussion and appointment of a 3 person team to do property assessments

More training needed? Dan Ware to be contacted ?

Set up timeline for this project. Dan said he would train up to 6 people on performing property assessments and what owners need to do to make their property firewise. There will probably be three people on an assessment team. Also, it was discussed that the Board should send out a Mass Mailing with a blank assessment form and a pamphlet on firewise to all property owners. Property owners can fill in the blanks for themselves and hopefully get started.

John Miller is working on computerized maps that designate which properties are in High Fire Danger, Medium, and low fire danger.

III. Old Business

A. Possible addition to Fire Ordinance 04-02, an Ordinance for residents to convert from above ground power lines to below ground power lines is on hold until we determine what to do if property owners refuse to make their property firewise compliant.

B. Firewise Education Days – Kathy needs to get educational materials. Kathy has ordered some educational materials. They have shipped. She still needs to order more and DVD's as well. We will also try to acquire surplus educational materials from the County. All these will be available for our Community Firewise Education Days, to include the 4th of July.

IV. Miscellaneous – VTSV Community Firewise Logo

Kathy to e-mail Senator Udall's office regarding our Firewise projects
Reverse 911 is still being researched.
Road to Red River was discussed

Lastly, Michael Klinkman e-mailed Kathy to say he and two neighbors have contacted Tarzan Tree Trimming and are going to get started. He also knows of another neighbor that is planning on doing some thinning this year.

V. Date, Time, Place of Next Meeting. The next meeting is Monday, May 7, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Village Offices.

VI. Adjournment