

NFLA Business Meeting
Sondreson Hall / July 7, 2007

Minutes submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Pat Cole:

Ed Heger introduced Jeff Harris and Drew Hagemeyer of the County Planning & Zoning Office. Jon Cole informed the group about the two neighborhood plan workshops scheduled in August. Drew provided an overview of the process involved in updating the neighborhood plans.

Ed Heger took a roll call of board members and all were in attendance.

Ed explained how we came to proceed with the neighborhood plan this summer.

Ed read the minutes of the June business meeting and the minutes were approved as read.

Pat Cole read the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

North Fork Patrol: Lee Downes advised that everything is quiet and there is nothing new to report.

Fire: Lynn Ogle advised that no open burning is permitted and campfires are allowed in rings only. They may go to hoot-owl for cutting in the woods. They are having a meeting with Mark Peck on July 11, at 10AM at Lynn's cabin regarding fire volunteers. Anyone willing to participate is welcome. Lynn is to notify Richard Wackrow about the meeting and hoot owl provisions for the website. Lynn advised that no fireworks are allowed in the North Fork.

Website: Richard Wackrow reported that he has received no emails yet on the website. Everyone was urged to check it out at NFlandowners.com (or .org). The website also provides good links to other areas of North Fork interest, including a weather link.

Land Use Planning: Jon Cole provided an update prior to the business meeting on the two neighborhood plan workshops scheduled for August 4 and 28.

Trails: Frank advised they cleared to (Linc?) Mountain. Snow still blocks Nasequoin and there is a lot of blow-down on Thompson-Seton Trail.

Fire Mitigation: Molly Shepherd reports that the forest service continues to work on the Trail Creek fire mitigation project and work could begin this fall. The Whale Creek project could have a decision this summer for fuel mitigation. Molly also advised that grant money is still available for private property fuel mitigation. Another weeds meeting will be held at Molly's on July 15 at 1PM. A weed workshop was held at the hall prior to the June business meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Interlocal Meeting: Ed Heger advised that the Interlocal meeting will be held on July 18 and asked if anyone had items to be addressed by the NFLA. Lynn Ogle wanted to know about the road and what the county will be doing to improve it. Ed advised he will inquire about the county slash piles left unburned along the road.

Cline Mine: Ed advised that the Cline Mine field work has been postponed until next year. British Petroleum was not at the Flathead Basin commission meeting. They will be making a \$100 million investment for exploratory work, with a potential for significant environmental impact. The Flathead Coalition wrote a letter to BP and is trying to work with the chamber of commerce to gain members from the past.

August Elections: Ed encouraged participation in serving on the NFLA board. He mentioned that we need new and diverse faces to fill the positions of president, vice president, north director and south director. Ed asked for volunteers for a nominating committee to ensure candidates for each position, however, there were no volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bylaws Amendment: Gerry Stearns presented an amendment to the bylaws to change the Polebridge District and the Trail Creek District, as referred to in the Bylaws, to the North and South Districts, as they are commonly referred to. The amendment will be presented for discussion and voted on at the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.