

VILLAGE OF ANGEL FIRE
Wildfire Protection Committee Meeting
Monday, April 13th at 1:00PM at Village Hall

- I. **Call to Order.** Chairman Sprott called meeting to order at 1:01 PM.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance. Sprott led pledge.**
- III. **Roll Call.** Voting Members Present at the meeting were: Mike Clemmons by phone, David Hartson, Scott Jones, Mark Rivera, and Rick Sprott.
Staff Members and Council Liaison: Rick Tafoya, Andy Bertges, Burl Smith, Brian Bredthauer, Fabian Mascarenas, Mayor Cottam, and Councilor Brinn Colenda.
Members Excused: Dan Rakes, John Goodson.
Visitors:
- IV. **Approval of Agenda.** Rivera moved to approve, Jones seconded, passed unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Minutes.** Rivera moved to approve, Jones seconded, passed unanimously.
- VI. **Old Business**
 - A. Incinerator Update: permitting and operation – action items still pending.
 - B. Potential Tree Harvester – No new update: Butler still planning on Angel Fire visit in the spring.
 - C. Open House Planning – Clemmons has taken the lead. May 21 starting at 4:30. Booths open early: NMFS, US Forest, Village, Realtors, Insurance, Vigil and County Emergency Response, RSG/Firewise. NMFS' Arnie Friedt will take the lead talk with Forest and Watershed Health, followed by Sprott and E&O, Clemmons with Reducing Structural Ignitability, Bertges takes Department Capacity / Evacuation Planning / Fuels Treatment. The Mayor opens and closes. There will be two tables: a front table for key speakers, and a side table for critical support during Q&A. There will be PA, Visual Media, and food. Attendees at the last open house will be specifically invited.
 - D. Outreach Meetings – Quarterly chamber of commerce breakfast, April 21, 8 a.m. at Centro – 1 minute intro, then Q&A. Planning on meeting with the Garden Club, Rotary, Realtors, Trekkers, and Builders in near future. Sprott requesting volunteers from the Committee / Staff Members to come along and support.
 - E. Discussion and committee comments on Ordinance Draft – **Clemmons, Hartson, and Rivera.** The Draft is up on the website on the Committee's page, and we have established an official email address: wpc@angelfiren.m.gov. This provides a single point of contact and helps ensure our business is “transparent.” No feedback has come back to this address or to Councilor Colenda. Angel Fire Resort CEO John Kitts has had a briefing from Hartson and Goodson on the Draft Ordinance. Once Committee finalizes draft (target goal is last week of May or first week of June to wrap up and have a Committee vote), it needs to go to presentation at the Village P&Z Commission that meets 1st Thursday of each month and have a briefing with Council. Then it follows due process with First Reading, etc.
- VII. **New Business**
 - A. None
- VIII. **Additional Comments/Questions from Committee.** None.
- IX. **Comments and Questions from Audience Members.**

Mayor: Tell me about equipment needs for slash pick-up and disposal. **Bredthauer:** grapple trucks are \$115,000 and would require an extra driver. Need a one-ton truck and a roll-off trailer, sharing with another department currently. Another loader would be \$100,000 – currently sharing with Streets. Number one priority is an additional grapple, operations, and labor. Tafoya affirms that a top priority can be addressed in this current and next fiscal cycle.

Hartson: Can we rent one of Ruidoso's grapple trucks in the interim? **Tafoya:** Not a preferred option, since we would get the oldest equipment and would have higher operations expense and labor.

Mayor: Tell me about the Forester. **Bertges:** We're a year out from having "boots on ground." If the forester was here, he/she would be working the plan (e.g., focus us on the one critical area where fuel treatment should start) and be an essential strength in grant searches. **Sprott:** He would also be working outreach with other communities, the USFS, AFR, and the NMFS. Evaluation of the roads, easements, and key lots/neighborhood sectors is also included. The Forester could also aid in a critical concern, chip disposal options and chip spreading on key lots.

- X. **Adjournment.** With no further business, Clemmons moved to adjourn, Rivera seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

Passed, Approved and Adopted on this 11th day of May 2015.



Scott Jones, Secretary



Rick Sprott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Terry Cordova, Village Clerk