

MINUTES FROM BELMONT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

Called to order by Chairman Buddy Perchetti

Members present: Anthony (Buddy) Perchetti, Donna Motis, Larry Marshall

General Public Comment – None

For Discussion Only – Discussion regarding future fire protection for Belmont. Rodd Fernandes, Logistics Officer for Nye County Emergency Management was present. The following ideas were discussed:

More fire hydrants. Fire break between Larry's house and the rock. The county at one time stated they would bring equipment to help with brush removal. Buddy talked to the forest service about a fire break around the entire town. Building fires in the campground is a problem. We need signage that states "No Fires". We would like to extend the water line down past the rock below town. The water line from the tank does not seem to be leaking as much as it has in past as the water line in the tank doesn't seem to be dropping as fast. We would like to ask buildings and grounds to repair the float cable on the water tank to be able to see the water level without having to climb the tank. Possible addition of another tank for more water storage. Pumps for drawing water out of pond. Now the well pumps approximately 6 gallons per minute into the tank.

We need: More storage. More hydrants throughout town not more than 500 feet apart. Pumps to get water over the hill to Galvin's area. There is a tank buried over the top of hill in the gully below Tay's house. Dredge out Mill Pond to use pump for water use. Hose carts with line to string out from hydrants.

At this time there should be 200' of hose, valve and wrench in each of the fire boxes. Need to check each box to be sure.

Rodd Fernandez stated he is our voice to the County to get the help we need to get solutions with fire prevention. Each fire box should have 300 feet of hose and tools to connect. He will talk to the county road dept. about the fire breaks and installing more hydrants. He will also discuss extending the water lines. He will talk to Public Works regarding the wood/brush pile at the dump area.

The people of Belmont want to be able to contain a fire and keep it from spreading (not fight the fire). We need to be pro-active.

Per State order there are to be no open fires in campgrounds. We do have the jurisdiction to have the camp fires put out. Rodd to get us some signs to post.

Rodd will do an update on all we talked about regarding fire protection at our next meeting on November 7, 2020.

General Public Comment (second): Buddy commented on the agenda item on the Board of Commissioners agenda of September 15, 2020 that pertained to Belmont and no one on the board was aware of it. Will talk to the county to see if there is a notification process when an item concerning Belmont is on the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes done by Donna Motis