



NMRFA – Workshop Meeting Minutes
460 NE Old Belfair Hwy
November 8, 2014

Present: Chief Beau Bakken, Assistant Chief Scott Cooper, Commissioners McIntosh, Kewish, Severson – District 2, Quigley, Voss-Petridis, Wampold.

Excused: Commissioner Blackwell, Authority Secretary Patti

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss decision making process and possible options for the Tahuya Store. The primary focus is not necessarily on the outcome, but the process in reaching an agreed decision.

It is important that the process is open, transparent and inclusive of all stakeholders. Stakeholders were identified as follows:

- Fire Authority members
- Community club
- Citizens and taxpayers
- State Auditor's Office
- Mason Co Planning Dept.
- Business interests
- Shorebrook Water Committee
- Local Tahuya communities

It's important to have all input; not just the vocal minority. It was pointed out that taxpayers who live outside the area be included in communications.

Fact finding and gathering relevant information will be the first step in the process. In order to minimize subjectivity, it's important to gather neutral information and possible ideas/concepts; reducing the likelihood of attaching ideas to "self" or personalities.

It's important to note this is a "public input" process, but not a "public decision" action. It was suggested there be various methods of fact finding to encourage greater input from the public and stakeholders. It was deemed appropriate to frame and reframe the process to facilitate future decision making; eliminate rehashing old issues or placing blame; and not make this a battleground for old arguments.

It's important to recognize there are emotions tied to the history of Tahuya and the store, but separate the emotions from the decisions.

The fact-finding will be based upon legality to the RFA, costs, engineering options and limitations, and the viability of project ideas.

There was general discussion on the timeline for addressing this issue. Does it belong in the strategic plan? When should a decision be made? What about input from summer residents? There is the concern that the longer a decision is delayed the greater the deterioration of the building. The

building has been unoccupied for 10 years and there are structural problems with the plumbing, electrical and roof.

Several options have been presented for use; regardless the store and its use should be "beneficial to the purpose and mission of the fire authority".

There have been recent modifications for safety reasons. Recent estimates for basic remodel just to occupy and heat (with no specific purpose) range from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Everything after that for more specified use would increase in costs to the RFA.

The RFA board will take ideas for the store; but each will need to be vetted based upon listed criteria of legality, costs, engineering viability, etc.

After the New Year, the board will discuss a timeline to take public input. Many of the "snow bird" residents start to return around May and June. A date will be set this spring.

Assistant Chief Cooper informed the board that this weekend was the final weekend for surplus sales. After all sales were completed, it would then proceed to the salvage stage and then finally the disposal of whatever is left.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.



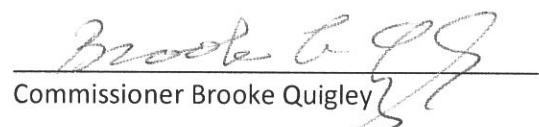
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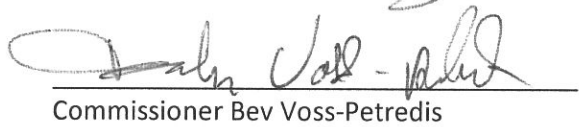
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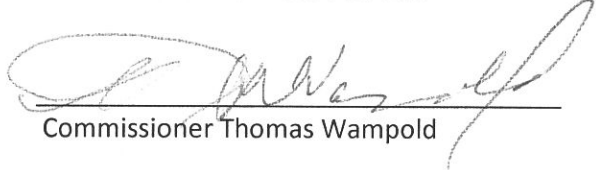
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