

MINUTES OF SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 21, 2010

Members present: Guske, Kreps, Murphy, Rockafellow Absent: Kasper, Plautz
Other officials present: Mike Harrison, John Korhonan

Meeting was called to order 6:30.

Jerry Guske was elected Chair unanimously. A vote for Secretary was tabled until the full committee was present to decide the manner in which this role would be done.

Justin Barnes and Steve Morris representing Virginia Department of Forestry were introduced and gave a presentation to the committee concerning the Firewise Communities For Virginia program.

1. This is a DOF initiative to reduce the risk of wildfires to homes and communities.
2. The DOF goal for any community involving itself in this program is to become officially “certified” as a Firewise Community.
3. Even though a county can be involved with the program, individual communities can initiate their own programs.
4. All the steps to be “certified” are: Contacting the DOF, having the DOF do a site visit to evaluate the level of need, forming a Firewise Committee (which can be a sub group of our committee), creating a plan of compliance goals to work towards certification, sponsoring events to reach compliance goals, investing \$2 per capita for this endeavor, creating an annual report of compliance, and applying for yearly renewal.
5. A community can choose not to become certified and still be supported by DOF for any of the steps it selects.
6. More information is available at www.firewisevirginia.org and www.dof.virginia.gov.

The December 17th Minutes were approved.

Chief Boisvert gave the police report and discussion followed.

Under Old business, Chief Boisvert reported that the LMOA maintenance staff placed the blue reflectors on the water hydrants and greased the fittings. Discussion followed.

Under New Business, Director Mike Harris informed us of three items.

1. There will be an Ad Hoc Deer Control Committee formed to set the parameters of a deer control program. He requested 2 of our Safety and Security Committee to serve on this Ad Hoc group because of our vested interest.
2. The proposed new gate off Rt 618 needs to get Planning Commission approval. The report required will need S&S review.
3. He requested that any “Firewise” sub-committee that is formed ask the DOF to do a site survey the LMOA common areas first.

The Wildfire Control sub-committee will meet when Don gets back to decide where they go from here.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by R. Kreps