

Fire Prevention Task Force Committee Minutes

July 31, 2014

Present: Gay Dunne; Don Holderman; Ralph Stewart; Randy Brachbill; Mayor Tom Wilson; Walt Schneider; Thomas Mensch; Tim Shreffler; Vana Dainty* (*left early)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Ms. Dunne. Ms. Dunne briefed the Task Force on the purpose of the meeting...which was primarily to establish the subcommittees that were outlined in the report and to state that the Task Force will act as a Steering Committee for the Subcommittees.

The Committees proposed to be established at this time include the following: Education, Funding; Manpower/Marketing; and Historic Preservation. It was proposed that a person on the Task Force Chair and take the lead on finding members to sit on each respective subcommittee. Other members brought up that they didn't think Task Force members should be the Chair.

Mr. Brachbill thinks these areas need to be addressed before we can start looking for subcommittee volunteers. He also stated that he has asked the Bellefonte Fire Executive Committee to begin to look at and update the 1998 Master Plan. There is a FEC following the Task Force meeting and he will bring it up.

Mr. Schneider volunteered to head the Education Subcommittee as he stated the effort can and will coincide with his offices' (Centre Region Code) efforts for Bellefonte Borough. Everyone was in agreement with Mr. Schneider assuming this responsibility.

Mayor Wilson was asked if he would take responsibility for the Manpower/Marketing Subcommittee and he accepted. Mr. Stewart volunteered to head the Funding Subcommittee and Ms. Dunne volunteered to accept the Historic Preservation Subcommittee.

Mr. Shreffler asked that the Task Force look into Act 13 monies.

Mr. Brachbill stated he would like to see the Task Force develop a mission statement as well as provide more direction for the subcommittees.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 25th at 6:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.