

TOWN OF PAYSON  
 BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD  
 MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING  
 AUGUST 27, 2012

- A Chairman Bossert called the duly posted public meeting of the Building Advisory Board to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. Meeting Time & Place
- B MEMBERS PRESENT: Ralph Bossert; Bret Balog; Herm Holtz; Rob Myer; Bill Easton; and Todd Brahm. ABSENT: Gary deSzendeffy Roll Call
- C STAFF PRESENT: Ray LaHaye, Chief Building Official; Bob Lockhart, Fire Marshal; Marty deMasi; Fire Chief; Tim Wright, Town Attorney; and Chris Floyd, Executive Assistant. Staff Present
- D OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Jones and Terry Lux, JFC company. Others Present
- E Herm Holtz moved, seconded by Bret Balog, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting, page 448. Approval of Minutes
- Motion carried 6-0.
- F Ray LaHaye, Chief Building Official, gave an overview of the impacts to the Town Code with regards to the adoption of the current building/fire and related codes. This included a discussion regarding the ISO rating of the Town and how it relates to insurance cost. Code Adoption Process

Tim Wright, Town Attorney, addressed the Energy Code requirements as it relates to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. There is a provision, at the State level, that says an Energy Code will be adopted for residential that at least meets the 2009 code and another code is required for commercial. Mr. Wright commented that there were three (3) requirements: The first two would be to adopt the energy code for residential and commercial and the third one is that a plan be in place for compliance within eight (8) years for 90% of new or renovated buildings. He felt that by 2017 the Town should have an Energy Code in place.

Ray LaHaye, Chief Building Official, stated that the most significant impact to the construction cost of a home were from the Energy Code and the Wildland Urban Interface Code.

- G Marty deMasi, Fire Chief, stated that the wildland code has been around for a while. He commented that since 2000 there have been a number of fires that were close to Town. There is an awareness that forest fires are burning hotter and more acres which directly impacts communities. This would be a mitigation effort to 2012 IWUIC

protect more homes, if the wildland code was adopted. Mr. deMasi noted that the code would impact three (3) basic areas; infrastructure, vegetation, and structures.

There was further discussion regarding possible areas that could be classified as wildland-urban areas. There was a proposed map presented to the Board.

There was also discussion regarding the Declaration of Finding of Facts that the fire department had prepared a few years ago.

The fire department has developed four (4) strategies to reduce and mitigate the impact of wildland fires in Town:

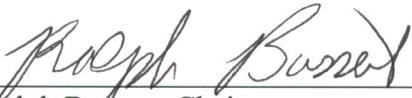
1. Having a ready and prompt response to any reports of fire.
2. Promote and build more defensible & survivable space on private lands within Town.
3. Fuel breaks on the perimeter of Town.
4. Supporting Forest Service fuel modification projects that are further out from Town.

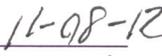
Marty deMasi, Fire Chief, stated that a benefit would be achieved by adopting this code although there would be cost associated with it.

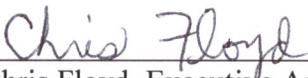
There was further discussion regarding the treatment of the land and structure. The assessment procedure for building a structure was reviewed.

A Questions were asked regarding the increase cost to build a structure, Town utilities being set-up for the requirements of the Wildland Code, and the requirements for an assessment score of less than 40 even if you were in a designated wildland area. Questions  
It was noted that the Town utility was set-up for the Wildland Code except for possible extreme cases. Staff commented that they would research further the assessment requirements for a score below 40.

B With no further items on the agenda, Chairman Bossert adjourned the Building Adjournment Advisory Board meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.

  
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Ralph Bossert, Chairman

  
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Chris Floyd, Executive Assistant