Hope/Sunrise Advisory Planning Commission Regular Meeting Unapproved Minutes 7 PM: March 16, 2022 Hope Library, Zoom was inoperative

A) Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Jim Skogstad

B) All HAPC members were present: Levi, Jim, Scotty, Jessie, Flip, Derrick and Johnny. Nancy Carver from the Borough participated via phone as did Bud Sexton
C) The agenda was approved with an additional discussion item of a public input survey.

D) Minutes of February 9, 2022 were approved.

E) There were no public comments.

F) Correspondence was received from the Borough to manage Spruce Bark Beetle (SBB).

G) The Borough had nothing to report.

H) Unfinished business the revisions to the 1987 have been received from commission members however changes need to be reviewed and compiled. It is also necessary for the community to review the draft plan and make public comments with an opportunity to change the plan. What is the best way to encourage public comment? Several ideas were presented including sample questionnaires from other areas such as Moose Pass. The Borough IT department is available as a resource.

I) New Business: The Community Wildfire Protection Plan was discussed and it was agreed by all that the plan was very professional. Scotty motioned to accept/support the plan and HAPC approved the plan as submitted.

New Business: The Borough Spruce Bark Beetle mitigation plan

(www.kpb.us/forestmanagement) was discussed. Comments included it is better to utilize the trees rather than have them rot while remaining a fire hazard. Reforestation is included in the plan and the HAPC generally supports a mixed utilization of timber for both private firewood and commercial needs. Most of the impact of SBB has been in areas other than Hope/Sunrise. The mitigation plan was approved with no changes by the commission.

- J) There were no Items from the Commission or Announcements.
- K) The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, at 7:00 P.M.
- L) The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Any Questions, please contact: Chair Jim Skogstad at 907-229-1430 or email <u>akskogstad@aol.com</u>