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Minutes to the Special Meeting of February 19th 2016

Call to Order: John Barber called the meeting to order at 9:00AM

- **Proof of Notice:** Agenda properly posted.
- **Quorum:** John Barber, Bill Clay, George Guiliano, Steve Lieberman, Dick Kirtley. A quorum was established. Guest speakers were Julie Maddux and Pat Gurnee of the Florida Forest Service.

Introduction: Dick Kirtley introduced Julie and Pat from the Florida Forest Service and explained that they would review the needed mitigation work for the West and the East Preserve. Dick explained that he had had several meetings with the Forest Service, St. John's Water Authority, and other agencies concerning the Fire Mitigation work needed on the Western and Eastern Preserve. He asked Julie and Pat to attend the Board meeting to review the needed work, give their observations, and to explain how the work would be done. The mitigation work would be done as a service of the State and would not be charged to the Association. Dick wanted to review both the Western and Eastern preserves. He then turned the meeting over to Pat and Julie.

Pat and Julie explained the safety aspects of the mitigation program and explained that they would clear areas at a minimum 30' from any existing structures. They explained the Service's concerns about wildfires and the devastation caused by them in the late 90s. They took questions and concerns from owners present much of which included the cutting process, the effects on their property, cutting of trees, and effects on wildlife.

They explained that they could schedule the mowing sometime in May and the work would continue for a month and half. Communication to owners was discussed and would have to be part of the planning process. In addition the Association would have to have the areas surveyed and marked prior to the work beginning.

After the presentation and question and answer period Dick Kirtley made motion to accept the Forest Service recommendation to fire mitigate the Western preserve, formulate a communication process and schedule the work. This was seconded by Bill Clay and all were in favor.

The second discussion concerned the East Preserve behind the Beach Club and Surf Club Buildings. This discussion included potential issues with wildlife, the dunes and the area near the Beach Club and Pool and Spa. Pat expressed his opinion as to how this area should be mitigated. He suggested a prescribed burn would be the most effective way to clear the area, in combination with mowing and clearing near the Beach Club and Pool and Spa areas. After several discussions on this method and answering questions from homeowners Dick Kirtley made a motion to proceed with having the Forest Service develop a plan for mitigating the East Preserve which would include a prescribed burn with mowing of some areas, or a plan to mow only. This was seconded by Bill Clay and all were in favor.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Steve Lieberman seconded by Dick Kirtley to adjourn at 10:30AM. All were in favor.

Steve Lieberman
Secretary