

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Evening Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday November 9, 2020 6:00 PM

- CALL TO ORDER:** The Evening Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Steve Kudron at 6:00 P.M. in the Grand Lake Town Hall Board Room
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Kudron led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- ROLL CALL PRESENT:** Mayor Kudron, Mayor Pro-Tem Landy, Trustees Southway, Arntson, Bruton and Bjorkman, Town Clerk Thompson and Town Manager Crone
- ABSENT** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Kudron announced: Please turn off all cell phones during the meeting
- CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Mayor Kudron stated if there are any conflicts of interest with any item on this evening agenda, Trustees may announce their conflict at this time – **None**
- UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Kudron announced this time is reserved for members of the Public to make a presentation to the Board on items or issues that are **not** scheduled on the agenda. The Board will not discuss or debate these items, nor will the Board make any decisions on items presented during this time. Rather, the Board will refer the items to Staff for follow up. Time limited for Public comments is 3 minutes.

Hayden “Hoppy” Southway – 512 Shadow Mountain Drive

I want to talk about the Candidates for the Trustee position and the way we do things here. I believe we have a lot of good Candidates and I also believe that we should take the Candidate who had the second most votes at the last Election. I know Tom has backed out, but I think it's in the Towns best interest. I don't think anyone should have an agenda when seeking this position. What Tom said a few weeks back about appointing the person who had the second most votes at the Election should be appointed to this position is what I agree with. I think it kind of gets the Board members off the hook, and it makes it look less like they have some sort of agenda in mind when picking the next Trustee. John Murray has his name in the hat. He's been on the Planning Commission for several years and I would like to speak on his behalf. He reads all the meeting minutes; he's engaged in our community and does not have a second job and I think he would make a great Trustee for the Town. It's only a year and a half term for him to finish. Then, we will vote on the next person who will sit on this Board. But, the people of Grand Lake will make that vote.

Jim McComb – 768 Kinnikinnick

I would like to speak directly to Hoppy's issue that he raised. I'm speaking in support of two candidates and I'm really torn. I really like the fact that Fawn Calvin-Braley came into this Town, took a business that was sitting there empty, and built a vibrant business out of it. She has stood up here and supported our community and I like the fact that she is a businessperson. She and I are both University of Phoenix graduates and both Alumni. I like what I have seen in the last year with the youth in Town. Now, experience speaks for a lot, but I think it's time to continue down the path this Board is on, which is

thinking outside the box, like Fawn said. Looking for new solutions and keep moving forward. Insanity is doing the same thing over and over but expecting different results. I think it's time we stop the insanity.

Craig Wilkerson – 607 Shadow Mountain Drive

I want to follow up with the snowmobile situation. Friday I went up to Winding River Resort to help clean up the property. There were over a hundred trees blown down by the winds from the fire. They lost all fifty of their snowmobile rentals. It looks like they will be able to replace at least twenty of their sleds. I got an email from the National Park Service Ranger, Jeri Piller, stating that they were waiting to hear back from the National Forest Service to see what they are going to do about all of the downed trees from the fire. There is not that much damage on the snowmobile trail coming out of Town and into the National Park. I don't think it would take much at all to get that cleaned up, which were Jeri's words also. We have not heard from the National Forest Service. We heard that they were having some high-level meetings last week, but we have not had any updates since. I know our Trail groomers are talking about moving on if we don't hear back from someone. I am in hopes that the Town will give the National Forest Service a call to hopefully apply a little pressure to them to get some answers.

Morgan Hale – 44 County Road 4490

I wanted to let you all know we have a project we are working on with help from a nonprofit. We are collecting scraps from the fire that we want to build a sculpture out of as a tribute to the Town and everyone who worked so hard to save it. The size and location of the sculpture will be based off of how much scraps we receive and how large the scraps are. If you should know of anyone who wishes to participate they can reach out to me directly. The artist community in Grand Lake would like to contribute this sculpture as a memorial to the Town. I also have some information and feedback from a Crisis Management organization on natural disasters who have done work throughout the country where natural disasters occur. If anyone would like this information I am more than happy to provide anyone those details who needs it.

Carl Montoya - 471 County Road 471

I just have a quick question for you. When I come into Town every day I see the electronic sign at the entrance to Town, which says "Locals Only", when you catch a glimpse of it. Is there any way this can be changed or corrected to display accurate information? This message is deterring a lot of people from coming into Town and staying to visit and spend money. I think this sends the wrong message and it needs to be corrected, maybe smaller lettering? It's a suggestion I think will help tremendously.

After the Public Comments were completed, Town Clerk Thompson handed out the vote cards, then collected the vote cards from each sitting Trustee and handed them over to Mayor Kudron. Mayor Kudron then read off the vote tally from each vote card. Fawn Calvin-Braley 3, John Murray 1 and Christina Bergquist 2. Under simple majority, the vote goes to Fawn Calvin-Braley for Trustee, Congratulations!

APPOINTMENT:

Consideration of Resolution 22-2020 appointment of a new Trustee

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Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Resolution 22-2020 appointing Fawn Calvin-Braley to the Grand Lake Board of Trustees. Trustee Bruton seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

The Oath of Office was performed by Mayor Kudron, and Fawn Calvin-Braley was appointed as a Trustee for the Town of Grand Lake.

DELEGATIONS: None

MINUTES: None

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for November 2020

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve the accounts payable for November 2020. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braley	Aye

NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of Resolution 24-2020 to allow the removal and rebuild of a new boathouse, located at 536 Cairns Avenue, Grand Lake

Trustee Southway made a motion that the Board of Trustees Ratify the Emergency Declaration RE: East Troublesome Fire, that was issued by Mayor Kudron on October 22, 2020. Trustee Arntson seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Braley	Aye

Consideration of Resolution 23-2020 Certification of Participation Repayment of Monies Spent

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Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve Resolution 23-2020, Certification of Participation Repayment of Monies Spent. Trustee Southway seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Brale	Aye

Consideration to direct staff to move forward with budget changes

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy made a motion to direct Staff to move forward with the budget changes; any requests asked, must have a description (explanation) of specific needs or “asks” must be documented (the why) in the purchase request. Trustee Southway seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Brale	Aye

MANAGERS REPORT:

Grand County has now identified 189 resident cases and 49 related cases of positive COVID. This represents an increase of 90 cases since the Board’s last meeting. Grand County is still at a level 2 (this is based on a 2 week rolling data count), but we are likely going to be moved to level 3, Safer at Home, within a few days. We are also very close to being moved back to a Stay at Home order. Our 2-week case rate is 309.68 per 100,000 population. The middle school just went to distant learning. Level 3 Safer at Home is triggered by a 2-week rate over 175 per 100,000. Stay at Home is triggered by a 2-week rate of 350 per 100,000. COVID is now back on top of our concerns. The Town is taking aggressive education actions whenever we see someone violating mask or social distancing orders. The County Mayors and Commissioners will be getting together later this week to discuss possible police enforcement actions for violations of public health orders.

Staff would like feedback from the Board on two winter events, Christmas tree lighting and the ice-skating rink. The Chamber has indicated that it has serious concerns about holding a Christmas tree lighting ceremony this year and staff shares these concerns. The Chamber has proposed putting together a video production rather than holding an actual event. This would be a prerecorded video featuring Santa, a local child to flip the switch, a couple Christmas carols sung by a local artist and a message of peace and hope from our Mayor.

Staff would also like feedback on whether the Board feels it is prudent to set up the ice-skating rink this winter. The rink needs to be set up and filled before we get lasting

snowfalls. This means the rink needs to be set up in the next few weeks. Staff is concerned that the rink may encourage crowds and that increases our COVID risk. There is really very little chance that staff can monitor the rink and limit numbers. On the other hand, the rink will provide an outdoor recreation opportunity in a year when our winter offerings are going to be limited. If people follow COVID guidelines, there may not be a problem with crowding at the rink.

The threat from both the Williams Fork Fire and the Cameron Peak fire has significantly been reduced because of our recent snowfalls. There were almost 400 structures destroyed by the East Troublesome fire. Most of these are residences. However, our Town Planner, Kim White, has been working with the recovery team and it seems as though there will be enough housing for the displaced people. The Forest Service and RMNP are still completing their surveys on possible winter recreation opportunities. We should know about snowmobiles, skiing and snowshoeing opportunities in the near future. The Daven Haven is bringing in four chefs to cook and distribute to go Thanksgiving dinners. It is examples like this that make us all proud to be Grand Lakers. The COP issuance for the Stanley Property did not produce any responses. Stiffel feels that this is predominantly caused by the timing of the issuance (the fires, COVID and the election). Stiffel is still confident that they can get an issuance out this year.

We still have two vacancies on the Planning Commission following the resignations of Hoppe Southway and Robert Canon. Both of these individuals have contributed countless hours to helping make the Town of Grand Lake a better place and we all owe them our deep gratitude. The Town is currently soliciting applicants to fill these two positions. One term is for the remaining five years and three months of a six-year term. The other is to fill the remaining four months of a six-year term. If anyone is interested in applying for either position, they should contact Kim White at planner@toglco.com

The final draft of the update to the Town's Comprehensive Land-Use Plan has been circulated. If you need a copy, please stop by Town Hall. The BOT will consider ratifying the Plan at the December 7th meeting. Staff has a meeting with the Space to Create people and Scott Munn scheduled for Wednesday. We anticipate that we will have a presentation at our next meeting. As we come into winter, please remember to continue to frequent our local businesses. Grab some take-out for dinner or stock up on your holiday gifts at one of our retail stores.

MAYORS REPORT:

As a Board, we need to make ensure that the public health and safety is our top priority. We need to put our heads together and think about how we could assist with the Chambers concerns. It is ultimately their responsibility. I think there might be a way to do both. If we are going to do a filming of the tree lighting, and it won't be the Friday after Thanksgiving, that we could do it safely. The Managers, Mayors and Commissioners are going to be getting together on Thursday to discuss tighter restrictions. I think the Chamber has heard clearly from us as a Board that it is heartbreaking to have to make these kinds of decisions. We can't blame the Chamber for taking precautions that are necessary. As Trustees, we need to be thinking about plan B, if possible. What we don't want to do is defy the county or the state. To this point, this Board has, throughout the entire COVID pandemic, actively supported the states public health orders.

Coming out of the East Troublesome Fire, it is evident we have a very, very special community. It's not only the way that we feel and the way that we see things, it's the way that people across America have seen the things that Grand County has done for its own. With that somber feeling, as you drive past the fire damage, it's concern for our friends and neighbors who need to figure out what they are going to do. It's going to be a challenge, but I think that we are up to that challenge. The Chamber was challenged last week with completely changing our marketing for this winter season because we are known as the snowmobile capital of Colorado. We have to take that on a little softer this year, given the challenges that we face.

What you will be seeing is that we are forged by glaciers and defined by resilience. I think it is a real testament when we see people, like all of those firefighters that helped to save our Town, and our Public Works Director doing everything he had to do to help as well. Our other Public Works staff came back as soon as they could to offer a hand. Our staff started showing up doing everything they could to help. Jenn Thompson, our Town Clerk, was out on medical leave from surgery when the evacuation hit and as soon as she came back, she jumped in and opened up the Distribution Center for our evacuees. Just before this meeting she was still taking calls to help assist our residents. We have heroes among us, and we cannot express our Thanks enough for all that you have done and continue to do for our community. Kim White, our Town Planner, is assisting in finding homes for our residents who were displaced by the fire. John spent the last two weeks under quarantine as he was exposed to COVID at the County emergency meeting. We have to move forward, but we cannot forget the struggles that brought us to this point. We have to remember that Grand Lake is a place where the people come first. During this coming winter, we have to remember there will be people that we come across that will not be in good moods. We are going to have to remember that it's our neighbor that is in great need. So, we are going to have to get over our bad moods and continue to help those in need. We are so proud that we are all small businesses here, and there are not any chains, and that means that there are no billionaires with plenty of zeros behind their bank accounts to keep us moving along. It will be different so we have to do everything we can and keep coming up with new ideas to help our businesses and community to thrive.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Southway seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Brale	Aye

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This meeting of the Grand Lake Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:50:23 PM.

(Attest)



Jennifer Thompson
Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron
Steve Kudron, Mayor