

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday February 8, 2021 6:00 PM

- CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Steve Kudron at 6:00 P.M. via Go to Meeting virtual platform
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Kudron led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance
- ROLL CALL PRESENT:** Mayor Kudron, Mayor Pro-Tem Landy, Trustees Southway, Bruton, Bjorkman, Calvin-Brale and Arntson; Town Clerk Thompson, 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. **None**
- MEETING MINUTES:** **Consideration to approve Meeting Minutes dated January 25, 2021**
- Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated January 25, 2021 with an update to the Trustee names. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:
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| Mayor Kudron         | Aye |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Landy  | Aye |
| Trustee Southway     | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman     | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Brale | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson      | Aye |
| Trustee Bruton       | Aye |
- FINANCIAL REVIEW:** **Review of December 2020 Revenue & Expenditures**
- NEW BUSINESS:** **Consideration of Resolution 01-2021, a Resolution authorizing the opening of a Town of Grand Lake Accounts Payable account for the purpose of distributing payments to vendors and designating individuals authorized to conduct transactions with respect to this account**
- Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Resolution 01-2021, as presented. Trustee Bruton seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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

### **Consideration to grant a Variance Pursuant to Municipal Code 12-2-29, Shoreline and Surface Regulations for the purpose of Riverbank repair on North Inlet at Lemmon Lodge**

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve the Variance Request, as presented. 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 Calvin-Brale	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

### **Consideration to approve RFP Documents and direct Staff to proceed in soliciting bids for a Municipal Lands Master Plan Consultant**

Trustee Calvin-Brale made a motion to approve the RFP documents, as presented. 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 Calvin-Brale	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

The state has just moved to a new dial that will allow for more flexibility and larger size limits. Grand County is still experiencing significant numbers of new cases. We had 121 new cases in the last seven-day period. Because of these high numbers, Grand County is still at a modified level Orange. For current restrictions it is still best to go to the County's Public Health webpage. The County is still giving out vaccines based on the state guidelines. If you sign up on the Public Health webpage, you will be notified when you are eligible for your shots.

Despite the latest snowfall, it continues to be a miserable snow year. The Park still has not opened the trail due to a lack of snow (although they did allow Trail Groomers to start grooming and packing down the snow that we have). The Town, RMNP and the Grand Lake Trail Groomers recently collaborated to build the new snow fences that you can see just north of Sloopy's. Hopefully, these fences will capture snow and limit the effects of the west winds on the Trail. The best place to get up to date information about the trails is at [www.grandlaketrailgroomers.com](http://www.grandlaketrailgroomers.com)

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The Town docks were severely damaged by an ice event last December. We have been working with our insurance company to file a claim. After meeting with CIRSA last week it is almost certain that the damage will be a covered claim. We have been working with the same company where we last purchased the docks (\$126,000 in 2006) to see what replacement options are available. We may have to start the season with a limited number of boat slips until we get a new dock delivered. The Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce is currently hosting its virtual Winter Carnival. They did a great job coming up with ideas for this year's event. Visit their website [GoGrandLake.com](http://GoGrandLake.com) to see how you can get involved.

### **MAYORS REPORT:**

This morning I had an opportunity to meet with DiAnn Butler and the members of Grand County Economic Development along with Patrick Brower, Jonah Landy and Ernie Bjorkman. DCI, the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments, and the Northwest Small Business Assistance Center were also included. We were discussing how does the little Town of Grand Lake and the greater Community get through all of these challenges and address the continuing needs of a Town that it is not easy for businesses. The conversations are continuing, and we have an awful lot of resources for our businesses, not only the ones that are here but also trying to find solutions and ways to be able to assist our Chamber and fill up our empty businesses.

We want to give the new businesses a chance to succeed. It was a very productive conversation that the Town is continuing to be involved in. Jonah Landy, our Mayor Pro-Tem, is our representative to the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments and Ernie Bjorkman is the representative to the Grand Lake Business Relief Fund. There is a lot of work to be done but there is that recognition that you can't just do it alone. You need a community and you need some smart people to help you get things moving along. That includes bringing in business banks that know how to work with small businesses and be able to get things like grand funding done. We look forward to being able to share some more information on that.

Kim White asked that we do announce there is still COVID testing being done on Tuesdays and Saturdays at the Pitkin House. Please check the County Public Health website for more details on testing information and to look at that COVID 2.0 dial and to also learn about how to get the testing done, as well as, to get on the vaccine list. I also had the opportunity today to spend some time with Mark Wolcamp. He is the President of the Columbine Country Club HOA. I have been invited to attend their Board of Directors meeting on Saturday at 9 AM to give them an update on the Stanley Property.

As I have spoken with all of the Trustees, we have talked about some of the things like wildlife buffers and water and we are going to continue those conversations, as well as, the commitment by the Town to make sure that as we move forward with all of our projects that we need to get done. We will continue to listen to the needs of the Community, but also understanding that the needs of the Town of Grand Lake are what we were elected to take care of. Our challenge is to make sure we are able to meet those needs and also have the least amount of impact, but mostly have a positive impact on our Community as we make changes for the future.

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What I've heard in talking with all of the different organizations that are coming in and working, by the way if you see people with clipboards walking around, is that all of the Public Lands that have been impacted by the fires are currently being assessed by the Federal Teams who are in Grand County to take a look and see exactly what is the damage on all of the properties and how we can work together with public and private partnerships in order to get that work done. Everything is in timing and it's all about the recovery. We are going to continue to be in recovery mode. People are going to ask questions and try to find out what we can do and how can we do it. Also, what in the world is normal going to look like for us. I don't have those answers, but we are going to do the very best we can, and we will make it as normal as Grand Lake possibly can. I think of so many impacts that the world has had because of COVID and Grand Lake has to have been one of the happiest and most amazing places this past summer, for not only the people that live here, but also the visitors. We have a lot of UV rays, we have a lot of good breezes, and we spend a lot of time outside, so I think those are some of the solutions.

The last thing I want to do is Thank all of our Staff. There are 17 of them that work for the Trustees and work for the Town. They all have names and they all do amazing things and I guess I have never named them all at once. So here I go. First of all, the people at the Grand Lake Center. Thank you to Crystal and thank you to Katie. Katie is taking on the job as back up to our Town Clerk, Jenn Thompson, should she not be able to be here because she is always here! I want to thank our Water Department. I want to thank Dave Johnson and I want to thank Jerry and I want to thank Kial. And for those of you on the Board who have not known, we operated with two employees for a long time. Kial got hired on part time before COVID hit and he was recently hired full time and given benefits. Kial is the youngest of that crew so I think Dave and Jerry have said he has to stick around for 40 years before he can leave, but he has to hire the next guys too!

Public Works: first off Thank you Keith Everhart. He is quite the rock star, but at the same time he could not do it without Randy and Tracy and Mike and Patrick. Thank you guys! Things have changed here and now seven days a week you will see one of the crew driving around in the Tool Cat or the Grader. When that Grader comes around you guys are going to see Tracy so don't make him nervous! He has been getting a lot of training these past couple of weeks. Doug Dafoe, our Code Enforcement, thank you for helping out in the next few weeks because the man has been known to be behind a snowplow in the past. So, we have some much-needed help!

In Town Hall, Sandra who has taken on responsibilities and rebuilding her home, also Kim, Lisa, Jennifer, Doug, and Rita. Thank you! All of these people not only have they been doing their jobs, but they have been doing other people's jobs too because they have all been learning how to work with each other and to be a great team. Finally, I want to thank John Crone, our Town Manager. I appreciate everything that he has done. It's been a tough year. There has been pushback, there's been good, bad and some ugly that has happened. I can tell you that all 17 of those people I just named, every one of them, want to do the very best job for this little Town of Grand Lake. From the bottom of my heart, every single one of you, Thank You! You mean the world and this Board could not have the joy of dreaming about a better Grand Lake without you guys. I truly appreciate you all.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Arntson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 Calvin-Brale	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

(Attest)



  
Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

  
Steve Kudron, Mayor