

**Regular Meeting
Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees
Monday March 22, 2020 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.

Morgan Hale – RV parked next to 725 Grand Avenue

The commentary I have is predominantly questions for the Board regarding an incident that occurred last Thursday where several local women were injured and involved in a fight that did not involve Grand Lake locals. This has been basically the sixth prey bad fight where women have been attacked, specifically women, in the Lariat Bar & Grill in six months. I basically just want to know what the Town has in mind to make this problem stop being a problem. As a woman in Grand Lake, I feel like this is not a safe place to be or to go out to the bars. I feel like there is a severe lack of accountability on the part of certain business owners and the people that they employ that are not doing their jobs to keep their customers safe or deescalate the situation that need to be deescalated.

I think a lot of it involves overserving as well. Basically, I just really want to make sure that the Town of Grand Lake identifies this issue. The most recent one was very apparent that it was close to a hate crime against people who are not heterosexual. I think that it would behoove the Town of Grand Lake to maybe set some guidance or some sort of bar of expectation for local business owners and bartenders, I myself am a bartender, that there needs to be a level of de-escalation education. There needs to be an expectation of response to this kind of violence. I think that there is one business in particular where this keeps happening. I am just wondering why nothing has been done at this point in regard to how that business owner handles their bar, at night, late at night.

I feel like I've seen them get away with a lot of things, specifically during COVID, that maybe perhaps they should not have been getting away with to begin with. I think that it is extremely concerning that we have had so many instances of fights at this specific place, which is also notorious for overserving. I would really, really like to see something from the Town of Grand Lake that will make people, specifically women, feel safe walking into the bars and specifically LGBTQ individuals, or non-white individuals, they should feel safe in this Town as well. Right now, I barely want to be in this Town because I do not feel like people in this Town care about what's been going on. I am thoroughly disturbed that one of the females, who is not white, is being talked about and discussed locally like she's a fight starter when she has literally been attached by six men in six months.

Leona Goettl – 325 Mountain Avenue

As a business owner, as well as, a citizen of Grand Lake, I have sat down and wrote down all the things that have happened in the last year and a half. I know that you guys have money for the Streetscape, and I know we haven't done the flower boxes and benches yet, but y'all proposed to have held off on that. What I am asking you, as a community member, is can we redirect how we are thinking and maybe think about putting in security cameras in the Town. I have fifteen different incidences of what has happened in the last year and a half, which is almost one a month. We had a car fire that was alleged somebody else started it, but it was mechanical, but it could have been seen with cameras.

We had Elmer's tires slashed. We had a break in a Town Hall, a break in at Grand Pizza, a break in at a VRBO with people inside, above the old Squeaky B's. We have had at one of our craft fairs, a tent slashed, and items stolen which has never happened the entire time I've been here. We obviously had the bar fight that Morgan spoke about. We had broken windows at Never Summer. We had graffiti at Never Summer and on Town property. A motor home that was vandalized repeatedly parked in front of her place of employment. We've had a drunk driver, and I witnessed it, going down in broad daylight as drunk as can be, who was overserved and almost hit three cars in the first block, skip a block, and almost hitting another two on the other block.

We have had theft of three bikes at a business and a theft of a personal bike. What I am trying to say is if we have our own security cameras in Town, because when anything does happen, people come to the Town for answers. The Town is responsible for the safety and well being of not only the people who live her, but also the people who come to visit. They want to know it's a safe place. If we had our own security cameras, instead of flowers, which everybody pays for thru Carla and Carol Ann, that would put them out of business that the Town put them in. Let the businesses continue to pay for the flowers and the benches. Let's put in security cameras to keep our Town safe because then you don't have to rely on businesses coming back to you when a big incident happens and saying, "oh gee, only half my cameras are working" or "we don't have that footage, I only have this snippet" and skewing whatever has happened. My question to you is, as a Board in this Town, can we redirect and start thinking about putting in security cameras in our Town to protect our Town.

DELEGATIONS:

None

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MEETING MINUTES:

Consideration to approve Meeting Minutes dated March 8, 2021

Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated March 8, 2021. 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-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration to approve Ordinance 02-2021, an Ordinance Issuing of Revocable Permits to Conduct Business in Greenways and Town Right-Of-Ways

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Ordinance 02-2021 to include a 3-year term on the permit with a yearly review, a 10PM outdoor dining curfew and set an Administrative fee. 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-Braleley	Abstain
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve a contract with J&M Displays to provide firework shows for the Town of Grand Lake

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve the contract with J&M Displays and to include a 3-year term. 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-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve Resolution 03-2021, a Resolution Granting a Variance pursuant to Section 12-2-27 of the Grand Lake Municipal Code to allow expansion of a Non-Conforming Structure into additional areas of required setback for property located at Lot 4, Block 7, Grand Lake Estates 1st filing (366 Lakeside Drive)

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2021, as presented. Trustee Calvin-Braleley 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 approve Resolution 04-2021, a Resolution recommending approval of a Lot Consolidation of Lots 1, 2 & 3, Block 16, Town of Grand Lake, more commonly referred to as 725 Mountain Avenue

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Resolution 04-2021, as presented. 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 Calvin-Brale	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve Resolution 05-2021, a Resolution recommending approval of a Lot Consolidation of lots 11 & 12, Block 33, Town of Grand Lake, more commonly referred to as 305 Park Avenue

Trustee Calvin-Brale made a motion to approve Resolution 05-2021, 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 Resolution 06-2021, a Resolution recommending approval of a Lot Consolidation of lots 13 & 14, Block 33, Town of Grand Lake, more commonly referred to as 309 Park Avenue

Trustee Calvin-Brale made a motion to approve Resolution 06-2021, 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

Consideration to approve Resolution 07-2021, a Resolution granting a Variance Pursuant to Section 12-2-27 of the Grand Lake Municipal Code to allow the expansion of a Non-Conforming Structure into additional areas of Required Setback, for property located at Lots 13 & 14, Block 33, Town of Grand Lake (309 Park Avenue)

Trustee Bruton made a motion to deny Resolution 07-2021. 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 Calvin-Braleley	Nay
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to respond to the Grand Foundation request for guidance on Constitution Week 2021

Trustee Arntson made a motion to table this request until April 12th, 2021 to allow the Community time to provide feedback on this event. Trustee Calvin-Braleley 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-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Abstain

MANAGERS REPORT:

Grand County remains at a Level Yellow although our case numbers have been in the Blue Zone for almost two weeks (GCPH wants to get through Spring Break). We now only have 12 confirmed active cases in the county. The county is expecting to receive Johnson & Johnson vaccines by this week, and they have opened up vaccines to Level 1.B.4. This means that Town employees are now eligible to receive their shots. The details about the latest federal COVID relief funds have been released. These funds will be distributed based solely upon population. As a result, Grand Lake can expect to receive \$110,000 from this round of funds. The initial guidelines require that the funds be used in the following categories:

- Respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work.

- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency or
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Once the Town receives more details about the distribution, we will start working on plans for its use.

The Bureau of Reclamation is planning on opening the Grand Lake boat ramp on May 14 this year. There may be an opportunity for homeowners and the Town to put in their boats on an earlier date. In 2020, Grand Lake saw approximately 1,200 more boat inspections than in 2019. Shadow Mountain Lake had 800 more inspections, and Lake Granby had almost 3000 more inspections. We are anticipating similar numbers this year.

The Town has closed on the Stanley Parcel and Thomasson Park. After we have our lands plan done, we will start discussing preferred uses for these properties. All planning for Town parcels will be very transparent and will incorporate community input.

The Town has received applications from some very qualified candidates for the Town Treasurer position. We will be reviewing the applications this week and arranging for interviews in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, we will have someone in the position in April. As we move into Spring, the Town will continue to have issues with drainage and with potholes. Rest assured that Public Works will be addressing issues as soon as they possibly can. As I mentioned in earlier reports, this has been a strange freeze/melt year, so we can expect some large potholes. However, the Town is planning on finishing the repaving of Grand Avenue once conditions allow. Until then we will keep filling the potholes with cold patch. The Town has ordered appraisals of the Heckendorf property and the Park and the Hancock parking lot. We should get these done in the very near future.

Working with DiAnn Butler and Colorado Creative Industries, we have identified a possible source of state funding that may allow the project to go forward without the Town having to come up with any more contributions. We are still very early in investigating this possibility. Beginning in May, we will fully staff Town Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will continue to experiment with allowing staff to work from home during the remainder of the week (we will always have someone in the office during normal business hours).

MAYORS REPORT:

Last week, the Colorado Municipal League (CML) asked that I speak on House Bill 12-12-08 which is local funding for wildfire mitigation. It is creating an enterprise by charging \$1.25 on \$1,000 of insurance premiums that will be paid to local authorities like towns to help with mitigation in areas like ours that are affected. I spoke on behalf of the Town and CML. County Commissioner Rich Cimino spoke on behalf of the county and also on behalf of the County Commissioners Incorporated, that's the Commissioners industry group. The sponsors of the bill are very hopeful that it will pass and anything that we can do to help get some of the ground cover off and slow down any future fires would be really, really good.

I also had a meeting today with the Norther Water Conservancy and our Town Planner regarding values at risk for the Town and for protections from future flood and fire impacts. I would like all of you to kind of put some thoughts out there and perhaps give

me some feedback. The types of things that we are looking at are any type of infrastructure and Town assets that may be at risk and disaster items. Those sorts of things are bridges, culverts, Town buildings, any of our infrastructure. Specific buildings that would have an economic impact, should they be affected. There is a broad swath of items that they would like us to inventory. That being said, there is not a whole lot in our Town that our Town has assets that are impacted, and staff will be working diligently to get those primary assets done. Please, please share with your constituents and with your neighbors the importance of taking care of their own concerns when it comes to issues of flood and fire in the future. The County recently did sign on to the FEMA flood program so any homeowners and business owners should be able to call their insurance agent and ask for a FEMA flood policy to be added to their policy. It's a relatively low cost because it's a relatively low incidence, except when it happens to you.

I wanted to comment to Morgan because she has been chatting in the chat feature and some of her comments are very heartfelt and they touched something with me. The first one is, "I might be a white guy" and that's what it is, but I do believe in color blindness. Those that know me well know how awful the events of last week touched me. This Town is supposed to be free from those sorts of things and we are not. In Morgan's comments she was very appropriate at the very end when she said, "When the investigation happens this might be a hate crime". If it is, this Town is going to take serious action on that. However, we have to wait for the law enforcement officials that we trust to give us their feedback first before we start making those determinations. That does not mean that we are dealing with a problem right here in our Town. It does not mean that the woman here don't have the same freedoms that the men do, and that's wrong. It doesn't mean that you can laugh and hug and hold and kiss in Non-COVID times and not have, whether it is locals or visitors, to take that away.

I have always been proud that our Town has been welcoming and has always encouraged everybody to come here and be their authentic self. That is what Grand Lake is all about is authenticity. The land is authentic. So, we all should be very concerned that that innocence and authenticity is being lost. For those who shared that they were subject to sexual harassment, and other forms of harassment, when ultra conservative groups or any type of groups come here is wrong. We need to know and find solutions for that. The first thing is to have that conversation when we have it in two weeks. If there are unforeseen consequences to having a group come in here, whether the Town sponsors them or not, we need to understand what that is. We need to take steps to make sure that it doesn't happen here.

Our law enforcement and Trustee Bruton have been working with the Sheriff to see what that looks like. For an awful lot of years everybody in the Town just wanted the Sheriff to come by once or twice a day to make sure nothing horrible happened. Now we are getting requests to put up cameras. To make sure that there are more patrols to keep the people in our Town safe, that is discouraging and it's sad. Together we can fight to make that change. It doesn't matter who you are or how you are in the Town of Grand Lake. To be picked on, to be beat up, to be looked at or spit on or anything of the sort that has happened around here can't happen anymore. If I gave the impression that we're going to let that go please, don't misunderstand that. I am ready to take action and lead this Town to make sure that these things don't happen.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I am also a believer in the law, and I believe that our Sheriff has our best interest in mind as our lead law enforcement officer. Some of the things that I have heard and have had interactions with law enforcement agencies that took care of what happened on Thursday, those answers need to be found. We are pushing for those answers. To those people who are victims, I don't care whether you felt you needed to throw a punch or just received one, neither one of them should have been allowed. Nobody should get beat up and when a woman has to defend herself by throwing a punch to a man that is physically bigger and larger and stronger, it's just not fair. That is not a sexist thing, that is a size thing. I think that there were a bunch of big guys who are big people who took on some smaller people. I won't even judge that piece.

ADJOURNMENT:

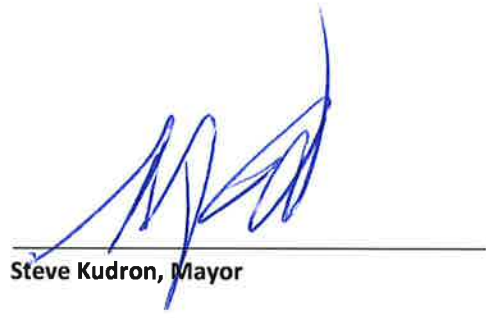
Trustee Bruton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

(Attest)


Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk


Steve Kudron, Mayor

