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Regular Meeting Minutes Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday March 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.

Cameron Stone – 439 County Road 645 – Grand Lake Trail Groomers

I am here to say thank you to the Town of Grand Lake for your continued support of Grand Lake trail grooming in many different ways. We truly appreciate all of that support over the years. I am also here to address a couple of issues on the Town trail coming down to Grand Lake. We've had a couple of really good improvements with the water management out by Sloopy's, as well as, the new culvert that replaced that bridge. I need to thank you all for your efforts in getting those things done.

As you have noticed with the low snow, some dirt has been showing up on that trail as a result of some of the rollers that were put in as features for mountain bikers. In low snow winters it would be nice to have more of a flat trail to help out with that issue. The second issue would be just some of the rocks at some of the intersections in low snow. These are things that snowmobilers can feel when they are riding that trail. Otherwise, we really do appreciate all of the support through the years. Thank you very much for being a partner with Grand Lake Trail groomers. If anyone has questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to us.

Judy Burke – 390 West Mary Drive Grand Lake

I would like to request an update of status on staffing at Town Hall. When will the Staff at Town Hall be coming back to work? Also, if staff is being "staggered" will their wages being adjusted appropriately? Also, can you give an update on the yearly audit?

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John Crone – Town Manager

Aside from the COVID restrictions and limits there with staff capacity in office, it has been a rough couple of months for Staff with medical issues and personal leave. We are planning on going back to full staffing. We have found some efficiencies, not everyone needs to be in Town Hall all the time. We have always had someone in Town Hall and Staff has always been working, whether working at home or in their office. We are shifting back into more of a presence with staff at Town Hall. We will be scheduling at least a couple of days where all staff will be in the office so we can better communicate issues and concerns we have that transcend departments. Even though staffing is staggered at Town Hall, our Staff are still working full time, whether it be at home or in the office. They are all being incredibly productive. There is no need to adjust any salaries because staff has continued to work their full-time schedules. We have found that because COVID forced it upon us, working remote has had some positive benefits.

We have just gone down to Yellow on the County COVID dial this morning where we can even consider having more people in Town Hall. Everyone is working 40 hours per week or more, they are doing their jobs whether it's at home or in the office. We have seen the benefits of remote meetings, we've set up One Drive, we've changed our computer systems and they are working on our server. It has become a lot more efficient and we are in the process of getting a new Treasurer. We have one of our Town Hall staff who is out for medical reasons still. Any time you have a question you can reach out to Town Hall to reach a staff member during regular business hours. That is where we are currently with staffing at Town Hall. The yearly audit is currently being done and we expect a full report on the audit in April when our Financial Trustee will be in attendance to review the outcome.

DELEGATIONS:

None

MEETING MINUTES:

Consideration to approve Meeting Minutes dated February 22, 2021

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes dated February 22, 2021. 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

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for March 2021

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for March 2021. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye

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Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Calvin-Brale	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration to approve Resolution 03-2021, a Resolution granting an Encroachment License into the Mountain Avenue Right of Way for certain improvements located adjacent to Lot 1, Block 33, Town of Grand Lake; More commonly referred to as 328 Mountain Avenue.

Trustee Southway made a motion to deny Resolution 03-2021 until this matter can be researched for a later date. Trustee Bruton seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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

Consideration to Table Resolution 03-2021 and direct Staff to perform further research

Trustee Arntson made a motion to table Resolution 03-2021 and direct Staff to do further research on the request. Trustee Calvin-Brale seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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

Consideration of Resolution 02-2021, Adoption of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020 Update

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2021, a Resolution adopting the Grand County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2020 Update. 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

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MANAGERS REPORT:

Grand County has now dropped down to a Level Yellow (as of this morning). Our numbers have been plummeting dramatically and we now only have 17 confirmed active cases in the County. Public Health is still concerned about spring break; but they are optimistic that we are getting things under control. This will be a boon to our summer tourism if things stay on the current track. The County is expecting to receive Johnson & Johnson vaccines by the end of the month. They are currently vaccinating Level 1 B 3. It is expected that Level 1 b 4 will be opened up by the last week in March.

The Town has posted the Treasurer position. We have not set a specific deadline but will be accepting applications until we find the right person to fill the position. All of the Staff that has been out for various medical issues are improving rapidly and we hope to have them back in the very near future. The Town hosted a pre-bid meeting for interested consultants who may want to bid on the Municipal Lands Plan. There was a lot of interest at this early stage. Staff is hoping that we will have several good options to choose from. RFP submittals are due on April 8th.

Captain Rick is beginning his process for hiring summer help at the Marina. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact the Town and fill out an application. Captain Rick has also come up with some very intriguing ideas that we will be discussing in future meetings. Last year, the Town helped an internationally know DJ, Lane 8, perform a sunrise concert on the lake on one of our pontoon boats. As of this week, that YouTube video they shot has received over 3.7 million views. The Park is still finalizing plans for summer visitation. No matter what happens, we can expect to see a significant increase in Park visitation on our side this summer. After the Park completes its plans, we will invite the Park Superintendent, Darla Sidles, to give a presentation at a future workshop.

Dazzio & Associates spent last week in Grand Lake reviewing our finances for 2020. They are now working on completing the audit with hopes of a late spring presentation to the Board. We will try to schedule the presentation when Trustee Southway returns from her Grand Canyon trip. The Town is accepting reservations for Town facilities in the hope that COVID restrictions will be significantly less onerous. Anyone making a reservation is made aware of the fact that they may still be subject to last minute cancellations if the situation requires it.

The Town is planning on having fireworks on the Fourth of July and during Buffalo Days in August, along with New Years Eve. We are also working with the VFW and the Chamber on putting together a Memorial Day observation. We are still not sure what late season snowfall and snowmelt will look like. According to experts, the snowmelt should not present flood issues that are any greater than usual due to the fire. However, there is serious concern over possible flood issues due to rain. Staff is working closely with the taskforce set up by Northern Water that will monitor the situation and utilize government funds to mitigate any possible damage. The expected flood mitigation bill for Grand County due to the fires is expected to be around \$36 million.

MAYORS REPORT:

We can certainly see that Town has been busy. Thanks for taking three items off of my list to report on. Please do look for the mountain migration. The county and the Colorado Ski Towns have a lot more people visiting than usual during this time. We need to know what is keeping them here so that we can make changes and make sure that

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we can adapt. The same thing with the weather alerts, anything that we can do to improve our communications is going to be critical, especially during these big storms. When we had a store in Manitou in 2013 after the floods, they now have a flood siren and it became every day. The unfortunate part is when you get a flood siren every day, by the 35th time when it actually happens, only half the people are paying attention. We have to find ways to make sure that people don't get tired because when that happens we need to make sure that everybody is listening.

Some of the items I would like us to think about moving forward is our mask Ordinance, which is going to be expiring at the end of March. I would like to have a discussion at our next meeting that will include what are we going to be doing about that. When we first put in our policy, our Ordinance was done before the state had put in guidance. Today the CDC started giving guidance on how people can gather again without masks. It was actually really exciting to hear them talk about that. If in your group of people, everyone has had their shots, then you can hang out in somebody's house without masks, you can hug and get back to doing all of that social stuff. The caution is that you still want to keep gathering like this small. In public spaces and group environments its going to take a little bit longer. We are starting to see the end. I really appreciate the guidance that's come all the way down, which is we are almost there, lets just keep going and get to the end instead of screwing it up.

The County is going to really be looking at the first two weeks of April to see if there was any type of spike that is being warned. I sure hope it does not happen because I think that we will move quicker to opening for the summertime. The town of Winter Park and The Lyft are beginning work and they showed the Mayors, Managers and Commissioners their new bus maintenance facility that will be built off of County Road 5. I thought that it was really very cool when the Mayor and the Manager said "And Grand Lake, that's why we haven't been talking much about the bus, because we knew that we needed to put meat in the shed before we can start brining buses to Grand Lake." So, that bus maintenance facility aligns to Grand Lake, is part of The Lyft future intentions and I think that is wonderful. We are getting trains and buses to Granby and we need to find those visitors a way to get up here to Grand Lake.

The Grand Lake Business Relief Fund has seen an amazing amount of success in supporting businesses throughout Grand Lake. Recently the group has an ask that has gone out to individuals and they are anticipating the needs are going to be an additional \$100,000.00 to get us through the spring. There has been a lot of positive response and as a Town we need to keep close eye on that if there is something we as a Town needs to do, we need to do it. The last item I have, is to give a great big Thank You to not only our Staff, but also the Trustees. While we may not agree on everything, I think in this last year we have learned how, as a group, to have everyone of the voices heard and to have their concerns heard. I so appreciate that this has not been an easy year, especially for those who have never done this before. A special thank you to those who have done it, thanks for hanging in there. Its going to be busy this summer. There is going to be a lot of wrinkles that we have not anticipated, and we are all going to be right in the middle of that. All of my gratitude and thanks. We have a way to go but I think we are getting great things done.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy 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-Brale	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

(Attest)



Jennifer Thompson
Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron
Steve Kudron, Mayor