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Regular Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday June 14, 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. in the 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, 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. If a member of the public wishes to comment regarding items on the Agenda, time will be allocated at the beginning of each non-quasi-judicial item. For items of a quasi-judicial nature, time will be allocated during the public hearing for the item. Time limited for Public comments is 3 minutes.

Andy Murphy – 228 County Road 442

I own Mountain Paddlers and first I wanted to personally thank you all for renewing my lease for the next five years to continue operating. We have been there for ten years and we hope to continue operating for some time to come. I also want to thank Keith and his crew. This is my eleventh year down on the lakefront and last year and this year the ongoing daily maintenance has improved drastically, the look down there is awesome and I personally want to thank them for taking such good care of it. As you know it's a major attraction for Town. Grand Lake is a beautiful mountain Town and if it were not for the lake a lot of people would not even come here. I want to bring up some general ideas, food for thought if you will. The first item is suggesting the Town expand the Marina Enterprise to include the entire lakefront, which is owned by the Town. This will free up considerable funds to renovate the L dock, the lakefront boardwalk, and additional areas down there.

Since I do spend every day of the week all summer long down there I will tell you there is probably as much traffic on the L dock and boardwalk down there as there is uptown. This is not criticism of Keith, because they have patched several rotten boards, but in the ten years I have been here, the L dock and the boardwalk down there have seen no major improvements. It has gotten to the point that it's almost dangerous. A couple years ago someone actually put their foot through the L dock. We have a lot of money

sitting in the Marina Enterprise Fund and I think that would be a very good use for it if we could expand the enterprise down there. Secondly, we have a housing shortage for our seasonal help and I would suggest we consider construction of dormitory style housing, preferably someplace like the baseball field, next to the Grand Lake Center so it's easily accessible to Town for employees. The Art Space is a great idea but I don't think it will be enough. We need a lot more than that. If we don't have the employees a lot of our businesses will probably not survive and the tax revenue that they generate will diminish considerably. This is a major issue that needs to be discussed on a grander scale than Art Space and we have the land to do it. I am hoping that we can get the grant money to see that this happens. And lastly, I would like you to consider changing the legal status of Grand Lake from a Statutory Town to Home Rule.

Judy Tumblin – 771 County Road 464

I am here on behalf of the Grand Lake Chamber. On Memorial Day, the parade was the Chamber's first one since COVID and it went very well. We had a wonderful group of participants along with our honored Veteran's, but we must address one issue. According to parade insurance, which has doubled in cost since 2019, we require our applications to be filled out and signed by each group that will be participating. I received an application from Middle Park Rodeo for their Royal Court of two. Trustee Southway and her group with horses chose to join in with them and did not notify the parade coordinator.

As far as I can see from the Middle Park Rodeo website, neither Trustee Southway nor her group, submitted a request through the Middle Park Rodeo website. And as far as I can see, could not participate within. Of all the participants in a parade, the highest probability of an incident is typically with horses. I spent all day on Sunday before Memorial Day organizing the applications to have the announcements correct and to appease our special event insurance provider. Parade applications are free and are made available many weeks prior to this event. They were also available at the parade to be completed for a fill in or walk ups. If there had been an accident with a participant that did not submit an application, turned it in to the Chamber, the Chamber as well as the Town insurance coverage for that event could have been voided and we could have been potentially liable for any damages.

By the way, Trustee Bjorkman, thank you for doing a wonderful job emceeding and for ad-libbing with those extra horses. From George Orwell's animal poem, "All animals are created equal. But some are more equal." Trustee Southway, this is not the only time your group has participated without a completed application. The mindset of this is, "this is the way we have always done things in the past", but it has to stop. It makes our community vulnerable and we cannot take any more risks, especially in this post COVID environment and the wildfires that Grand Lake has experienced this past year. Thank you very much.

Mike Tompkins – 310 Lakeside Drive

I own Rockies' restaurant at 1000 Grand Avenue. I have two subjects tonight, being the first meeting back together since the Recall, I just want to say that I know people on both sides of the Recall and I'm friends with people on both sides. Both sides have contributed greatly to Grand Lake and to Grand County and to Rocky Mountain National Park. Although it is my fervent hope that the Recall fails, more importantly and the

reason I am speaking tonight, is I hope that after the Recall, whatever the outcome, we can maintain our sense of community and still treat each other politely on the street and we can still discuss our disagreements respectfully.

Item number two, I am opposed to the petting zoo, the real issue why I am here tonight. As I said I have a business and people will be eating delicious food and drinking refreshing drinks and I would prefer that it not be ten feet away from my establishment. Animals, no matter how cute, and people smarter than I will discuss the wisdom of having animals, surrounded by a national park at night among other issues, but I won't address those issues. I am very pro-business and I want new businesses. I know that 50% of restaurants fail and I think my chances of failing would vastly increase if my guests had to eat food near a petting zoo. Thank You

Carlin Dornbusch – 809 Park Avenue

I have a couple of items here. First, I don't think anyone knows the status of the public boat docks. I haven't seen anything publicly available to us so I am trying to actually understand what is happening there. What we see is people docking in areas where they probably should not be and jumping off boats, probably to use the restroom. It looks pretty unsafe. You have a small dock where we launch our boats which is great. I know there was an incident with one of the posts Saturday night which you guys took care of pretty fast, thank you very much that was great, but those docks are inadequate.

We are seeing rental pontoons pull up there and just kind of auger to the ground and let people off, so they can use restrooms because there are public bathrooms. I think we are starting to see a lot more people here and there are becoming more and more issues with safety and how they are being addressed. I hope something can be done temporarily. Maybe a swim box or put bumpers on there or monitor that area more to allow people to get on and off but there really is no other place for people to get off. So please take some attention that many of us boaters feel that this needs to be addressed.

Secondly, being a homeowner on Park Avenue, I am really struggling to figure out what the plan is. I have a plan from 2019 and a plan for 2020, but I don't know if that is the plan we are trying to execute now. It would be good to know and I wish that was made publicly available so we would know what exactly is going on. I think transparency from the Board would be greatly appreciated. If you have a project plan please put it out there for us. We understand that it may change, but we don't even know where we are with the plan. Other neighbors have the same issue, I'm speaking on behalf of my neighbor at 931 Park Avenue, which has had a significant amount of excavation there on that corner. I know he's talked to several of you about that excavation. I know this is a historical property there and he's very concerned about the landscape shifting underneath that property. He has not seen a detailed plan in a while. I know there was one a couple years ago but we don't know what's going on now, or if it's going to be the same plan. On his behalf, he and I would both appreciate having that information made public. So, once again, more transparency please. We love being here. It was a great parade. Thank you for doing that and keep up the great work. Thank You

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Jim McComb – 768 County Road 4980

I have to ask the Town Board for something that I don't have a right to, and that's the issue. It's not 1985 anymore, it's 2021. I'm here asking that the Town Board begin the Home Rule process as quickly as possible. Some of the Board brought this as part of your election platforms. I'm addressing the community of Grand Lake, not the Town of Grand Lake. Many of the people in this community work, own businesses, volunteer with our community organizations, worship and put a lot of tax dollars into the coffers of Grand Lake. Decisions made by the Town affect us and it's time we had some input. This will benefit the community in multiple ways. First, tax dollars for lodging will no longer leave Town and go to the County. There will be a part of revenues that support our community and they are expensive and we know it.

The election process will be more encompassing, bringing a larger electoral pool to choose from while mitigating situations that we're currently experiencing with the Mayoral Recall with only input of a few. It is so frustrating that people feel they have no input when issue do affect them. I am willing to volunteer to serve on a committee, required by law, to help write the charter for the community of Grand Lake. Thank You

DELEGATIONS: **None**

MEETING MINUTES: **Consideration to approve the Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2021**

Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for May 10, 2021, to now include future items for consideration by the Board and Board direction. 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

FINANCIAL REVIEW: **Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for June 2021**

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for June 2021 and to include copies of the monthly credit card statements going forward. 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

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NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration to appoint new Town Treasurer, Jason Jacksack

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy made a motion to approve the appointment of Jason Jacksack as new Town Treasurer for Grand Lake. 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	Aye

Consideration to Approve Ordinance 08-2021, an Ordinance amending Town Code 12-7-3 regarding definitions for Human Scale

Trustee Calvin-Braleley made a motion to approve Ordinance 08-2021, 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-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve Resolution 14-2021, a Resolution to approve the Lot Consolidation of Lots 3&4, Block 37, more Commonly Known as 220 Park Avenue

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve Resolution 14-2021, 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-Braleley	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve Resolution 15-2021, a Resolution to approve a Conditional Use Permit at 1016 Grand Avenue, Petting Zoo

Trustee Arntson made a motion to Deny the Conditional Use Permit for a business that generates income from the use/utilization of animals (petting zoo) located at lots 4-6, Block 5, Town of Grand Lake, more commonly referred to as 1016 Grand Avenue. Trustee Southway seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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

Consideration of closure of Lake Avenue access at Center Drive

Trustee Southway made a motion to move forward with the permanent closure of the access road off of Center Drive and Lake Avenue with landscaping and drainage. 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	Aye

Consideration of Town Sponsorship of the Pitkin House East Troublesome Fire Exhibit

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve the Town sponsorship of the Pitkin House East Troublesome Fire Exhibit, hosted by the Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce. 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	Aye

MANAGERS REPORT:

The Town is receiving \$127,182.98 in American Recovery Plan Act funds. Our first distribution of \$63,214.46 will be disbursed by the end of this month. Our second payment will not be available until 2022. Over the past couple of weeks, we have striped our paved streets. There is still a small area near Center Drive that will be completed by the end of the month. Public Works has also graded the gravel roads and laid down dust control. As we discussed during the meeting, the East Troublesome Fire Exhibit is on display in the Pitkin House. The volunteers will be hanging the exhibits beginning this Wednesday and they hope to have a sneak preview for locals on June 23. The exhibit will be open beginning sometime around June 28.

We have completed the welding repairs on the Town Docks. The assembler should be up this week to put the sections back together. As soon as it is assembled, we will open it up to the public. Remember that overnight boat parking is not allowed at the Town Dock. Our Town attorney is still working hard to come up with a plan for moving ahead with the development of the parking lot on the corner of Park and Hancock as Space to

Create housing and workspaces. Jerry Hassoldt has announced that we will be moving on in the very near future. He is working with Dave Johnson on a transition plan. Jerry has worked for the Town since February 1992. The Town will miss Jerry and is deeply indebted to him for all that he has done. He will be missed.

The EWP watershed recovery program is still moving ahead with numerous actions to assist locals in the recovery from the East Troublesome fire. There are still sandbags and baffles available for pick-up at the Grand Lake Center. They are free for anyone that wants them. As part of the recovery project, Northern Water is installing a boom structure at the Adams Tunnel inlet. This boom is being used to protect the tunnel from any large debris flows that make it into Grand Lake. With the construction on Park Avenue, Town Hall will continue to be open during regular business hours, however, parking will be limited. If you have business in Town Hall, you will have to park on Garfield or Pitkin and make your way to Town Hall on the Boardwalks.

Headwaters Marina is up and running. Captain Rick is still very understaffed. If you know anyone who wants a good job at a good rate of pay, please have them contact the Town. The Board of Trustees has asked Town Staff to investigate reopening Lake Avenue from Lakefront Park to Ellsworth. Town staff has not had the opportunity to address this yet. Town staff is still looking into a way to provide free recycling services at PAYT. We are concerned that, if the site is not staffed, people will use the recycling dumpsters to dispose of their household waste. Now that we have a Treasurer on Board, we will be working with the finance committee to reinstitute publishing simplified reports for the Board packets.

MAYORS REPORT:

It's been very busy around Town. June is shaping up to show us those visitors that found us last year through COVID are coming back. The visitors who were not able to see us because of COVID are coming back and there are people who have never been here before that are coming for the first time. On Saturday at 3:30 I drove through Town and left my car at home, then I walked back to the store because there were so few parking spaces and way more cars coming in than were going out. I figured I would park my car at home and let some visitors have a parking spot. We are going to see the traffic issues get worse at the end at 34. I continue to believe that our traffic problems is something that this Board is going to have to address and figure out how we move vehicles through Town at the end of a very long cul-de-sac with one way in and one way out.

Fire danger is increasing. I had a talk with our Town Manager this morning about the fire danger and from the Board's perspective, without objection, unless we are told that we can't have fireworks I don't think we are going to talk about it. There are no fire bans that are currently in place. There is a stage one fire ban that would have to be put into place that says no outdoor fires, and then a stage two fire ban, then a stage three fire ban that the county and the state would enact that says no fireworks are allowed. I think it's very important that the community keep us informed of what is going on and because of the timing, there is a fire ban stage one as of Friday. Our next meeting will be on the 28th of June. If these fire bans, which went from low fire danger on Wednesday to very high on Friday, continue to go as fire bans escalate, I will be asking the Board to come together and convene for an emergency session to make a decision on the fireworks. I do not want this Board to have to be put in a very difficult situation and I think and I hope that our entire community allows us to err on the side of caution as we move forward with our celebration which will be with super, duper lots of people here.

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Please do keep that in mind. However, if we do get torrents of rain that quietly wander through the streams and don't cause any of the bad stuff to happen, we do have a 29-minute show booked. It will be fireworks to rock all fireworks if we get there.

With all of the visitors and with all of our staff shortages, every business owner, heck every local, needs a little bit of love and patience from the tourists. I'm afraid that the tourists don't pay much attention. A good example is when the door closes and a person runs outside to eat her ice cream because she doesn't want the ice cream and then 20 minutes later comes back instead of waiting a couple of minutes to pay for a duck. I'm on vacation and don't think of times. My point is, as we walk through our Town in a busy summer, and for the business owners who get to greet, and for all the service people who are helping all the visitors, I think your going to find visitors who have not only high expectations but sometimes unreasonable levels of expectations and our job is going to be please grin and bear it because we do want them to come back, most of them next year. Please do bear with us as our tourist season is really going to take a hit.

The last thing that I have to say is that I know that amongst our community there are people who have very strong opinions that are difficult in a small community to resolve. We all need to work through that the best way that we can and know that me, as your elected Mayor, I am going to continue to work with this Board on positive action, on boosting up the morale of our staff, because we are asking so much of them and we will let the rest of the stuff play out as it does. We are all friends and neighbors, sometimes we are not friendly. When you tell a loved one, I love you but I don't like you today, I think we have some of that going around Town and I love all of you but some days I don't like you and some days you don't like me, and that's ok, because we are all very passionate about this place. I would ask lets all work towards that end of a wonderful, most special Grand Lake and know that I will be working with everybody to try to get us through this and find the positives. Thank you all for your attendance. This is exciting to see smiling faces again. Since Memorial Day it's been really fun to see the kids come back into the stores and playing in the park and just to be able to see ten people do one thing, stick their hand around an ice cream cone or in a basket or pick out a flower for their mom, whatever it happens to be. That is what makes Grand Lake special and that is why everybody is coming back here, to remember that feeling. So, thank you all very much.

FUTURE ITEMS & STAFF DIRECTION:

Streetscape funds / General fund
Chip seal Lake Ave & West Portal Road entrance
Continue work on recycling
Copy of credit card statements with monthly financial reporting

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Southway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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	Aye

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This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

(Attest)



Jennifer Thompson
Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron
Steve Kudron, Mayor