

Grand Lake Municipal Lands Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – 6/1/21

Roll Call/Introductions:

- Cindy Southway
- Heather MacSarrow
- John Murray
- Kathy Weydert
- Ginny Wilkinson
- Katie Hearsum
- Dawn Dobson

Minutes: The minutes from the meeting on 5/4/21 were approved.

Discussion: Review of Lands Committee Work to Date/Discuss presentation of the committees work to date to the Planning Commission, Town Board and Land Use Consultant.

- The committee discussed how best to present recommendations to the Town board and recently hired consultant. Neither party has expressed a preference in format.
- It was decided to combine property-specific ideas/recommendations into a single document, modify the property-specific mission statement into an overall strategic vision for all town parks/lands, and format ideas/recommendations using a bullet-point list for each property/topic.
- A few changes were made to previous recommendations: add habitat connectivity and community garden to GLC/West end properties, add vision statement for Thomasson property, and “leverage partnerships” added to funding recommendations.
- Document is to be presented to the Planning Commission on 6/16/21.

Additional Items/Follow ups:

- Discussion about adding a question to the new committee application about “community engagement”.
- Discussion about necessity of continuing to meet as the current committee, or hold off until the new consultant/committee is put in place. It was agreed that there is a still a need to discuss the Mary Drive property (across from the Conoco) and other Town-owned properties (ie: Stanley), especially since there is no timeline in place for the new committee to be selected.
- Next committee meeting is Tuesday, July 6, to discuss the Mary Drive property.

UPDATE: The updated recommendation document was presented to the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on 6/16/21 by Katie Hearsum. The Commission provided minimal feedback, with a request to add “Maintain Flight for Life Helipad” to the list of amenities for the Grand Lake Center as well as to change the term “Sunnyside Cottages” to simply Hancock Street in the “Trail Connectivity” section, to maintain fairness to all business owners.

