

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday August 10, 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. in the Board Room and 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 and Ratzmann; Town Clerk Thompson, Town Manager Crone

ABSENT Trustee Arntson

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy made a motion to continue the absence of Trustee Arntson from this evening meeting, as well as, for evening meeting dated July 27, 2020 until the next meeting, dated August 28, 2020 when Trustee Arntson is in attendance. 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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

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.

Ken Fucik – 665 Canal View Drive, Grand Lake

In 2016 I had a conversation with a shop owner here in Town who told me that if he did not own his building, he could not afford to stay in business. Everyone talks about how hard it is to make a living here and none of us should be proud of the fact that everything is for sale in Grand Lake. I love the quiet of the winter here, but a succession of long nights with nowhere to go can get a bit monotonous. It was Bob Scott in another conversation who told me he determined it would take 200 people in Town on average during the winter for Grand Avenue to be viable.

Around the time I was having those conversations, the Grand Lake Center just been bought by the Town. I helped clean out the school on our first efforts to remove the

remaining school items. It was that same group that was also looking at how to expand the kitchen in the gym to provide opportunities for a teaching kitchen and to support other gatherings.

As I began to meet more people, I found that we were losing some very talented young people who could not afford to live here. One example was a young lady and her significant other who lived in a tepee without any plumbing. They would shower wherever they could. Another very talented artist left for lack of housing and was then hired to develop a creative community in Kansas. Another couple I met lived in dormitory housing before they were asked to leave because she was pregnant. She worked at RMRT and he worked in a local restaurant.

Around this time, I met DiAnn Butler who introduced me to the states Creative District program. The mission of the Creative District programs is to help mostly rural towns to develop a sustainable year-round economy based on creative enterprises. Under the program, CCI has identified 69 industries involved in the production, distribution, and marketing of artistic goods and services. Let me repeat that.....69 industries.

Grand Lake has an aversion to the word "change". I should know because I am one of those who do not live here looking for change. My parents brought me here in the fifties and I still remember the town as our best family vacation spot. However, I am realistic enough to know that a town lives and dies on its economy. So, after my discussions, the challenge became finding something to help our Grand Avenue and without changing the quality of life of Grand Lake. Becoming a Creative District and getting the gift of a Space to Create grant gives us that.

Being designated a Creative District has opened up many doors for us. Let me give you some examples. Upon our designation, we were provided some seed money which allowed us to sponsor our Under the Big Top event in concert with the Winter Carnival in 2018. At this event, 18 classes were offered in things like photography, glass making, painting, writing, and kids woodworking. Held mostly in the Grand Lake Center, the classes were 90-100% full. Last October, working together with the Grand Arts Council, the internationally renowned Cleo Parker Dance Troupe played in the Grand Lake Center and provided some dance demonstrations for Grand County schools.

Over three weeks this past February and March, 60 playwrights from around the country held classes and demonstrations in the Grand Lake Center and Community House. In May, the Creative District was awarded a \$10,000 grant to be used to help fund a new marquee for Town Park. My wooden boat school has been the recipient of an award that produced a film on our activities and has been used to promote the school across the state.

Our participation as a Creative District has provided us partnerships and introductions to the network of granting agencies both here in the state and nationwide. We have already started reaching out to some of these agencies to look at possible funding that could help us improve lighting and sound in the Community House. My wooden boat school was looking at the opportunity to work with ArtSpace to help us get funding to help our mission. We are looking to our relationships to help our grants to build a

community sailing program for kids. There is also a suggestion that we might be able to qualify for more funds for the new marquee.

What has happened in the last couple of weeks has been an embarrassment to us as a town. I fear our partners are starting to question the wisdom of naming us a Creative District and awarding us the gift of Space to Create. What concerns me most about this is that it happened because of information that was mostly untrue. Where we are today stands to cost us all of the relationships and partnerships that can help this town.

Craig Wilkerson – 607 Shadow Mountain Drive, Grand Lake

I want to address the Grand Lake Center Art Space issue. One name I never heard mentioned was Jane Binford. She was instrumental in getting the Grand Lake Center off the ground. She is no longer with us. She worked tirelessly in making the Grand Lake Center what it is today, but I just want to give her a shout out for all of the hard work she put in. Winter is coming, I'm a big snowmobiler, and Headwaters Trail Alliance does a bunch of work on our trails to keep them up to standard for all of us to enjoy. As President of the Grand Lake Trail groomers, I walked the trail this morning and, in my opinion, the trail needs a lot of work. There is a lot of topsoil and piles of debris that have been cleared, sitting in a pile, and it has not been removed yet. Still, nothing has been done on Grand Avenue from the Visitors Center down to On The Trail Rentals. The safety railing at the bridge still needs repaired or replaced. The Town stated they would keep up on this. There is water still accumulating behind Sloopy's Grill that still has yet to be addressed. I think it may still be the issue of getting that culvert put in. We were told there would be someone coming in to plant some trees to shade that area, but that still has not happened. I am in hopes that the concerns I have been bringing to your attention will get addressed.

John Crone – Grand Lake Town Manager

I would like to address a few of your concerns. I did walk the trail this morning and it is not complete, but the Public Works staff have been working on it among many other things. I spoke with our Public Works Director today about what we can do to improve the area next to Sloopy's Grill. As we discovered this summer, there will be more work required than just clearing the culvert. I have not had any recent discussions with the National Park Service, but I do recall at a previous workshop they mentioned getting snow fencing installed to assist with the snowmobile trails. The Town is still very much concerned about this and I will be following up with the National Park Service on this.

Jay Young – 355 North Inlet Drive, Grand Lake

My parents came here in 1929, they bought their house in 1955, and bought their commercial property in 1959. I now own Grand Mountain Trading Company here in Grand Lake which has been open the past 23 years. My issue is with the house across the street from me. I received a notice that was not properly sent, but I found out about it. We have an action where the homeowner across from me is trying to consolidate their lot with another. There are a number of issues that I have with this plan, even after I discussed the lot consolidation with the Planning Commission. There was an email sent to Town Hall this afternoon asking for a continuance of this request. The property is my sister's property, which is directly across the street from the consolidation request. My sister is 91 and has been quarantined at her house for months since the pandemic hit.

My sister would like her concerns addressed seeing as how she has owned this property since the early seventies. I know her neighbor to the south would also like to be included in this as they have the same concerns. Like my sister, this neighbor is quarantined also and cannot be out in public to attend meetings and other functions as they are in the high-risk category. We consider this an adverse action by the Planning Commission and the Town Board if they go ahead and approve this lot consolidation in the manner in which they are doing so. I believe this will be an eyesore for the Town. I think this sets a bad precedent, and there are other issues with easements. I believe an easement, whether written or not, so long as it has been used, is a valid easement.

I already have my attorney involved and I really don't want to spend the Towns money on something that I don't think we need to be spending the Towns money on. I vote here, I pay taxes here and have since 1975. I want you all to be aware of what your doing here before you do it because once you do it, then it will be here for 100 years. It will stick out like a sore thumb and I question taking lots and making three sides to them. I don't understand how you can justify that. How many sides does a lot have? When you allow what was done on the new subdivision here, all of a sudden that became a setback because it was a side lot. I was planning on doing some building in the near future and I was planning a 25-foot setback. I can't do a 25-foot setback if your allowing the neighbors to do a 10-foot setback. There are other people, aside from me, that will be affected by this adverse action.

John Crone – Town Manager

The Board did already act on this item and it was approved. Our Town Planner did bring up your concerns and she did reach out to your sister and provided her the links for the online meeting so she could participate in the process. The Planner did pay attention in that meeting to see if your sister logged on or called in to participate but there was never any response from her during that meeting. A situation like this is guided by Code and Statute. There is not a lot of discretion at the Boards level if it meets the specific requirements of our Code and Statute, which this proposal did.

DELEGATIONS:

None

MEETING MINUTES:

Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated April 27, 2020

Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, dated April 27, 2020.

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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated May 11, 2020

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, dated May 11, 2020.

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy 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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated May 26, 2020

Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, dated May 26, 2020.
Trustee Ratzmann seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

Mayor Kudron	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Landy	Aye
Trustee Southway	Aye
Trustee Bjorkman	Aye
Trustee Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for August 2020

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for August 2020.
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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of Resolution 19-2020 on lot consolidation at 1302 Spruce

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy made a motion to approve Resolution 19-2020, a lot consolidation at 1302 Spruce, Grand Lake 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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Consideration of approving a ballot question for the November 2020 Election,
Exempting the Town of Grand Lake from the Gallagher Amendment

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Mayor Pro-Tem Landy made a motion to discontinue the process of exempting the Town of Grand Lake from adding the Gallagher Amendment to the November Election for the Town of Grand Lake. 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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

MANAGERS REPORT:

Streetscape is postponed until next spring. There were unknow shallow gas lines that were brought to our attention and Xcel Energy will be working on getting those lines placed at the correct depth so we can proceed forward with our Streetscape project. We received a donation from the Rotary today for the refrigerator and freezer at the Grand Lake Center, which were very much needed. Our financial outlook, currently we need six more good weeks of the season and we will be pretty much where we were last year at this time, which is quite surprising given the pandemic and everything that came with it. We have received our first "final draft" of the Comprehensive Plan. We are quite pleased with it and there will be revisions and updates to this forthcoming before we approve any final draft.

MAYORS REPORT:

We have learned that listening to our neighbors definitely helps and we have to keep doing this. We have learned that we need to make sure we keep communicating and if any of us don't get it, we have to keep talking about it until we do. If we can't answer the questions asked of us, then we are not doing them justice. When our facilitator for our retreat backed out today, that was disappointing, but we are going to find a way to have this retreat on the 26th and 27th. During the same time, we will be having our retreat, CML will be doing their virtual conference on the 27th and 28th. If you have pre-registered for this, please try to take the time and attend the conference. Every Trustee that has attended in the past has come back saying they have learned valuable information they did not know, as well as develop relationships, and they share that knowledge with the rest of the Trustees. I want to say to those that are attending these meetings to please keep coming and please keep asking those questions. I will do everything I can to ensure that our meetings are not only efficient, but if we miss something, that we will give you the opportunity to call it to our attention.

Consideration of entering into Executive Session to discuss; Purchase, Lease, Acquisition, Transfer, or sale of Real, Personal or other property interest under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(f)(a)

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to go into Executive Session, as presented. 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

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Trustee Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

Grand Lake Board of Trustees went into Executive Session at 7:45 PM
Grand Lake Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session at 8:23 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Southway 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 Ratzmann	Aye
Trustee Arntson	Absent
Trustee Bruton	Aye

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:27 PM.



Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron, Mayor