

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday August 9, 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, Trustees Southway, Bruton, Bjorkman, Calvin-Braley and Arntson; Town Clerk Thompson, Town Manager Crone
- ABSENT** None – One Vacancy
- 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
- MANAGERS REPORT:** Grand County is now seeing an increase in COVID cases including Delta Variant cases. COVID is once again a national emergency. There is conclusive evidence that the vaccines are very effective against all varieties of COVID. Vaccinated people are highly unlikely to contract a severe case. Grand County has not yet reached the 70% mark in vaccines. If you have not been vaccinated, you owe it to our entire community to reach out to public health and make sure that you get your shot. More information is available on the Grand County Public Health website.
- Even with our recent rains, the County is still under Stage II fire restrictions. This means that no open fires or smoking outside is allowed. There are other restrictions that will be posted on our website. Contractors have reached out to the Town to discuss the paving RFP that we recently posted. We expect to be moving ahead on these projects in the very near future.
- The recall election will be going ahead on October 5, 2021. Ballots should be mailed out sometime around August 20. The election will have two questions: 1) Should Mayor Kudron be removed from office, and 2) if he is removed, who should be Mayor. The second question will only be considered if the Mayor is successfully recalled by the first question. Only one candidate turned in all of the necessary paperwork to qualify for the ballot, Judy Burke. If everything is OK with her petition, she will be added to the recall ballot as the Mayoral candidate in question 2. Any questions should be directed to our Town Clerk.
- With the resignation of Trustee Landy, there is a vacancy on the Board. The Board will decide at tonight’s meeting (August 9) how to go about filling the vacancy. If you are interested in the position, more information will be available soon. Buffalo Days are coming in just under two weeks (August 20, 21 & 22). This event should be very enjoyable for everyone involved. For more information about the events, please go to www.gograndlake.com/buffalo-days/

I would like to remind everyone that Town Staff is very, very busy. If you have an issue that you would like to discuss, please email us to set up an appointment. This gives us time to look up any information that we need to be able to address your concerns. People are still welcome to walk in but, you need to be aware that we may not have time to meet with you or we may not have the information that we need to answer your question. Staff has been investigating website and online code options. We hope to have something in the works very soon.

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.

Mike Tompkins – 310 Lakeside Drive

Constitution Week is September 13 -19th and we're not going to have any food or alcohol. We want to push all the business to the local businesses. It's easier for us too so it's a win-win. Alcohol, I know for a while we had open carry so we are going to have Dotsero the band at the park, so can people buy beers and bring them to the park to listen to music? Are there any temporary possibilities? I'm just asking.

Mayor Kudron – Consuming alcohol in the park has never been legal. The law that was passed by the Board said that establishments could sell alcohol as carry out, but we did not change the law to open-carry in Town. To have alcohol at an event like this you would need to apply for a Special Event Liquor Permit.

Craig Wilkerson – 607 Shadow Mountain Drive

I've always been kind of hard on the Towns Public Works Department and I just want to give them a shout out because the potholes on my street got paved over last week. They have been filling holes in front of the Grand Lake Center. They did however leave some big chunks of asphalt, but those were picked up today. So good job Guys, I know they work hard. On Memorial Day I was downtown eating dinner and it just never looked so good for the summer season. There are still some things that I wish the Town Public Works department would do like the trail going out of Town that needs to be addressed, there are still some places washed out there. Of course, the ball field is one of my big pet peeves, but I want to thank Keith and his crew for what they do in Town.

Maryann Hoos – 902 County Road 4980

I have a question on that hill, across from the stop sign at the top of the hill across from the visitor's center; has the water ever been turned on for that? You had mentioned a while ago that you were going to turn it on but it's all dry. I see the water capability but it's not being maintained.

Keith Everhart – Public Works Director

We did plant those and we did irrigate them in the beginning to get them established but we are no longer irrigating that because it is CDOT property and they are responsible for maintaining that going forward.

Mandy Hanifen – 113 County Road 452

I have two items I would like to bring to your attention. I understand Staff is given direction but this is something the Board of Trustees would want to be involved in. First and foremost, in the context that I am involved in the Grand Lake Cemetery. If there is any way possible to get the office hours, we need to have the office open more hours for the public to walk in. I've had some grievances shared with me that there is nobody there to assist at Town Hall when I go there, I can't get anyone to answer the phones when I call. I explained COVID and I have heard, well don't they have individual offices with doors? I have given out emails and phone numbers to those who can't reach the staff. I understand hybrid may be something in the future, but you really lose a lot when you don't have that face to face and that customer service. The second thing I think the Board needs to be concerned with the loss of Jonah is getting a Pro-Tem Mayor. Get that figured out. I realize let's not put the cart before the horse and let the voters speak as far as who they want for their next Mayor, if it's not the same Mayor.

Hayden Southway – 512 Shadow Mountain Drive

I also want to pass along to Keith that I do like the potholes getting patched. It's good to see a little asphalt repair. In the past, Acord has done a lot of work for us in the past and I hope that we do reach out to them and get another bid for any paving that is coming up. Typically, we get three bids. Elam is out there too. I know United does not have a hot plant set up yet, but they are going to be paving here before Labor Day. I think somebody should ask them where their hot plant is or if they are going to have the asphalt. You guys brought up the irrigation across the street from the Chamber. A lot of care was put into that. Grass and trees were planted and an irrigation system put in. I don't see any reason that CDOT would not want us to water it. It may not be our property but we have plenty of water. It also helps out as a fire break if it's wet. The trees are still alive and trees need water too. So, let's turn on these irrigation systems. The last few years we had to beg to get the ballpark watered. Hopefully next spring we can get it on early.

Judy Burke – 390 West Mary Drive

I would just like to bring to your attention, and I know the reason has been during COVID to help add the outdoor seating to the restaurants in Town, and I don't know whether that had a sunset clause on it? I would like to comment for those of you who might have been around Town, even this last weekend which things are starting to slow a little bit I think, people are walking in the street. We are creating a problem were, it's an unintended consequence, from allowing that seating out in front of some of the businesses, they are pushing their liquor boundaries out to the point where people are not pulling up to the stop blocks when they park. So, the longer pick ups and especially because we are seeing more and more people having carriers on the back of their vehicles, we are pushing those vehicles further back into the street. People are walking in the street rather than walking the boardwalks. I think that is something we need to think about and see if there is a solution. I know one of the most prominent problem is down at Sagebrush because they have posts at the corner of each one of their fences

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and people are afraid they will hit them, so they stay back from the posts and the parking blocks. It is really creating a problem in the street. If you go up and down the street you will see those vehicles that are parked into the street and they are creating a real hazard. You can't see around them and it's going to create a real problem if we continue to allow that. We are going to need to set those liquor boundaries back by at least a foot so that people can pull up to the parking blocks and not create that problem in the middle of the street.

DELEGATIONS:

None

Consideration to Excuse the Absence of Trustee Arntson

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to excuse the absence of Trustee Arntson. Trustee Calvin-Braleley seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Braleley | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

MEETING MINUTES:

Consideration to Approve Meeting Minutes dated May 24, 2021

Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve meeting minutes dated May 24, 2021, with the word "tours" added on page 6 under Future Items, Stanley Property. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Braleley | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for July 2021

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

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Braleley | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration of a Special Event Liquor Permit for Grand Lake Area Historical Society Annual Community Dinner

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Trustee Bruton made a motion to approve the GLAHS Special Event Liquor Permit for their annual Community Dinner. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Brale | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

Consideration of Resolution 26-2021, a Resolution Recognizing the Volunteer Efforts at the Grand Lake Cemetery

Trustee Calvin-Brale made a motion to approve Resolution 26-2021, as presented. Trustee Bruton seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Brale | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

Instruct Staff to Post Notice of Board Vacancy and Request Applicants with a Public Notice posted at Town Hall, Post Office, and the Newspaper

Trustee Southway made a motion to instruct staff to post notice of Board Vacancy. Trustee Calvin-Brale seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Brale | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

Consideration of a Lease Option with Artspace for Lots 1-4, Block 3 Park Avenue / Hancock Parking Lot

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to instruct Mayor Kudron to sign the lease for the Park Avenue / Hancock Parking Lot for the Artspace project. Trustee Calvin-Brale seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Brale | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

MAYORS REPORT:

I would like to do the Mayors report a little differently today. Last week the Board spent two days together. It was facilitated by our Town Manager and it was a public meeting so anyone could attend. The first part was getting to know each other and there were a lot of items that were covered. During those two days, the Board of Trustees came out with a number of priorities and items that we are going to be discussing in the future. Some of these items could be as early as our next meeting, but we just want you to know that these are the items that the Board is looking at coming down the pike. What I want to do right now is ask the Trustees; what was your top take away from the retreat.

Trustee Calvin-Brale – Housing in Grand Lake and moving forward with phase 1
 Trustee Bjorkman – Increase in crime / Town Marshall / lifting Marijuana moratorium
 Trustee Southway – More young families in Town / Restart summer day camp in Town
 Trustee Bruton – Lifting Marijuana moratorium

As I had hoped, my list has shrunk dramatically, which is good because we all have the same list. I would like to point out a couple of other things; one is the efforts of the Open Lands & Trails Committee and their recommendations. We had a real good discussion of how we start to take the input and recommendations of that Committee and work with our consultant as she comes on board. The Board spent time talking about the connectivity. How do you get on a bike, on your feet, or on a horse, or on an ATV from Adams tunnel to the golf course. How do you walk from the visitor's center to downtown safely, comfortably, and enjoyably. How do you go to the Grand Lake Center from Town? What are those primary connections and that is what I took out of our trail's discussion. The other part of that is creating more amenities that have at its core the fruitful enjoyment for our residents but also expands what our future can hold.

Some of these things are looking at areas for pocket parks because truth be told its our locals that would walk on most of those back trails and even find those places to get away. We are still talking about a rec center or a recreation indoor pool and that sort of thing. One Trustee said before she leaves this Town she is going to see that get done. We talked about not only parking but the traffic. In our County, connections are being made outside of our county but they don't get to Grand Lake. You can take a bus from Granby to DIA, which means you can fly into DIA and get to Granby. You can go from Steamboat or Craig to Granby, you can take a train in both those directions. Soon you can take that big \$500 train trip to Salt Lake that stops in Granby. The point is, people are using other modes of transportation to get to Grand County and if we don't connect them to Grand Lake, they won't be our visitors.

One of the other discussions was, when we start doing events, having our craft shows or farmers market not here, but at Veteran's Memorial Park or put it down by the Grand Lake Center. In the past, the purpose of those kinds of events was to bring people into the downtown so that they could shop here. Now, how do we start looking at what is a good, long-term solution to bring more visitors in. That is important. We have lost more customers, but now that Denver has found us that has shifted. That changes our dynamics with our restaurants, with our businesses. How do we start to curate the people that come back every year because those are the people that everybody counts on. We are a destination, and as a destination, we get to look at what our Town looks like in the future. This is a Board that makes decisions with seven people, not just one.

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I look forward to moving forward with some of our projects and hopefully we are going to be able to get a lot of them done.

**FUTURE ITEMS &
STAFF DIRECTION:**

Artspace Continued Work
Step 1 phase on housing
Marijuana Moratorium
Town Marshall
Community House Usage / Repurposing
Lakefront / Marina year-round usage
Staff and Board evaluations on Town Manager upcoming contract renewal

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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| Mayor Kudron | Aye |
| Trustee Southway | Aye |
| Trustee Bjorkman | Aye |
| Trustee Calvin-Braleay | Aye |
| Trustee Arntson | Absent |
| Trustee Bruton | Aye |

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

(ATTEST)

Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

Steve Kudron, Mayor