

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### Regular Meeting Town of Grand Lake – Board of Trustees Monday September 14, 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 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 – **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.

#### **Judy Burke – 390 West Mary Drive, Grand Lake**

I would like to start by saying you all have put up with a terrible amount of horrible things going on this year. I am so glad to see you are all hanging in there and doing what you can to keep our little community buzzing along. I sincerely hope this is the end of it and I hope that maybe we can end this year on a positive note. I would also like to say that our little snowstorm the other day, which turned out to be very little, brings to mind some things that I'm hoping you are looking at for the future. Because of this COVID pandemic and all of the problems we are having with outdoor seating, among other issues, I've heard mentioned at several meetings, the Comp Plan, Planning Commission and the Public Land Use meetings, one subject that keeps recurring is that the Town has given away so many events that we used to hold in Town. It seems we are just not doing them anymore.

We need to start looking at what we can do to start bringing people back in, especially in these hard times that the businesses are having. I'd like to bring to your attention that pretty soon the snow will start falling, which will bring the snowmobilers, their trucks and trailers, coming into our community. Always in the past we have been able to fill up a lot of the parking places behind the Lariat and that has been a favorite place for people coming in with these trucks and trailers to park. Because we did not do Streetscape this summer, we now have these huge mounds of dirt piled up where we typically have extra parking for snowmobilers. I am hoping that you are working on a plan for that parking lot. Since we have already moved the sides of Park Avenue back quite a way, is there a way that we could designate in some way places where these

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trucks with trailers could possibly park horizontally up and down Park Avenue. I think we are going to have a lot of trouble keeping those people who are more than willing and able and happily getting out of town, to come back. I think we need to do some work to make sure the Snowmobilers are welcomed back.

### **Craig Wilkerson – 607 Shadow Mountain Drive, Grand Lake**

I wanted to kind of go along the same lines as Judy was mentioning. I watched the Chamber this summer as they were promoting our summer businesses. I think we should be promoting our winter sports businesses during the summer to intrigue our summer visitors to try us out in the winter as well. I know they did a video, which I had watched, and there was no mention of the winter sports that we offer. I would also like to point out that when snowmobilers come up here, they hit the trails and don't really come into Town. They tend to head back to Granby or Winter Park for dinner, maybe even lodging. It is imperative that we get that snowmobile trail opened in the wintertime. I know last year we had a heck of a time getting the Park Service to open it up, so maybe there is a need for another trail in Town. Being on the Trail Groomers, there are a few of us working on a new trail in Town. I am not sure when it will be presented to the Board, but I know it is being worked on currently with Headwaters Trail Alliance.

### **John Leere – 521 Shadow Mountain Drive, Grand Lake**

What if we could get a big sign put up on 34, down near Dilly Docks area, that states something like, Grand Lake Winter Sports Capital, or something of that nature, so it lures people into Town. If there is a sign placed before the turnoff to Idleglen Trail, it could entice visitors to trek all the way into Grand Lake during the winter.

### **DELEGATIONS:**

None

### **MINUTES:**

#### **Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated June 8, 2020**

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated June 8, 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 Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

#### **Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated July 13, 2020**

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 13, 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 Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

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### **Consideration to approve meeting minutes dated July 27, 2020**

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 27, 2020. Trustee Bruton seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

<b>Mayor Kudron</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Landy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Southway</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Bjorkman</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Bruton</b>	<b>Aye</b>

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW:**

### **Consideration to approve Accounts Payable for September 2020**

Trustee Southway made a motion to approve Accounts Payable for September 2020. Mayor Pro-Tem Landy seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

<b>Mayor Kudron</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Landy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Southway</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Bjorkman</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Bruton</b>	<b>Aye</b>

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Consideration to approve United Companies Contract Addendum (Streetscape)**

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve the United Companies Contract Addendum for Streetscape-Phase 3 Project, with an updated work schedule timeline to start June 2021 and complete the project by Labor Day weekend 2021. Trustee Arntson seconded the motion. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

<b>Mayor Kudron</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Landy</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Southway</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Bjorkman</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Bruton</b>	<b>Aye</b>

### **Consideration of Process to Fill the Trustee Vacancy**

Due to the burdens and extraordinary cost of a Special Election, Staff recommends the following for the process of filling the Trustee Vacancy: To accomplish this, the Board of Trustees shall select October 21, 2020 12:00 PM as the deadline for applications to fill the vacancy. Staff is to post the notice of vacancy in the local newspaper, at the Post Office and at Town Hall, as well as, the Town website and Facebook. Staff also recommends that the Board interview any selected candidates and makes the appointment at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting on October 26, 2020.

Trustee Bjorkman made a motion to approve the recommendations for filling this Trustee vacancy as presented, with Staff posting the Public Notice of Trustee Vacancy to allow interested parties to apply for this position, which will include a letter of interest and proof of Grand Lake Residency. 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 Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

### **Consideration of Resolution 20-2020 Declaring September 19, 2020 as a Day of Remembrance for Trustee Melissa Ratzmann**

Mayor Pro-Tem Landy made a motion to approve Resolution 20-2020 Declaring September 19, 2020 as a Day of Remembrance for Trustee Melissa Ratzmann. Trustee Bjorkman seconded the vote. Town Clerk Thompson called the vote:

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

### **MANAGERS REPORT:**

Of course, the tragic loss of Trustee Ratzmann has dominated all of our thoughts and actions over the past week. Melissa was a truly wonderful person and she will be missed by all of us. The memorial for Melissa is scheduled for this Saturday (September 19) at 1:00 pm at the Snow Mountain Ranch. The Town is working on a suitable memorial for Melissa. We also all need to keep Kevin and the children in our thoughts as they work through their loss.

Grand County has now identified 67 resident cases and 27 related cases of positive COVID. Despite the rise in new cases reported, Grand County has dropped to a "Low" transmission county (this is based on a two-week rolling data count). The County is readdressing the staffing levels in public health and on the incident management team.

The Williams Fork fire is significantly under control. There are still several hotspots on the southeast side of the fire that the teams are keeping an eye on. The fire command team is back down to a level 3 (mostly local control) The Cameroon Pass fire was significantly dampened by the recent snows; however, the NPS and the fire control teams are expecting the fire to pick back up as warmer, dryer weather moves back into the area. There is still a very minimal chance that the fire will threaten Grand Lake.

The Marina is winding down for the season. They expect to close down after next weekend. It has been an incredibly successful season for the marina bringing in over \$500,000 in revenue for the first time ever. This income was coupled with significantly reduced labor costs. Captain Rick has done a spectacular job this summer. Earlier in the summer, the Marina helped widely followed DJ, named Lane 8, as he recorded a sunrise show on the lake. The Town let him use one of our boats as his stage. Last week, the two-hour video of the show was released on YouTube. In the one week since its release, the video has been viewed over 200,000 times. I strongly recommend that you all Google "YouTube; Lane 8" and take a look at the video. It features some spectacular shots of our community.

The switch from summer to fall came pretty abruptly with our snow last week. Although the Park was forced to close Trail Ridge Road for plowing, we expect the leaf

peepers to be out in strength this year. The Park is still tentatively planning on ending its reservation system on October 12. Constitution Week is back in its ninth year this week. This year's program is significantly curtailed due to COVID concerns; but we still expect a lot of people to stop in for the various events.

Although the budget meeting for September 8 was postponed, Staff has been diligently working on this year's budget. We will have a budget meeting on September 22. Lisa Watkins will get out the draft budget in plenty of time for each of you to study it and have your concerns ready for discussion. The budget is forecasting a flat sales tax year even though 2020 has set records for the Town and our YTD sales tax revenue through July is up almost 15% over 2019.

**MAYORS REPORT:**

I want to thank the Staff for all of their hard work during a very painful and stressful week. They have all stepped up and come together at such a time as this, and with staff continuing to have their own personal challenges, we should all keep of our staff and their families in our thoughts and prayers. Today we did have our Commissioner, Mayor, Managers meeting. A good portion of that meeting was actually spent with people from the State Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Part of the reason for that was the Williams Fork Fire is anticipated to create some very probable issues for our County post. The way that the watershed has burned they are very, very concerned about source water infiltration or pollutants, as well as, any type of mitigation and flood after fire events that can really hurt a lot of the assets that are along that Williams Fork drainage. As such, the County and different individual entities are going to be working to look for aid, which the County has to request the dollar amount, in terms of some of those resources in the state. This will help mitigate some of those concerns.

The other item we discussed was Affordable Housing. Shayna from the Counties Affordable Housing was there, and we now have two Towns in Grand County, those being Fraser and Winter Park, who have formed their own Housing Authority. As such, monies are being redistributed and the County is trying to bring everybody together to talk about what we can do about Affordable Housing. I think the take away for the Mayors and Managers is that the County has a long way to go to convince Towns that they are acting in the interest of all six of the Towns and not just kicking a can down the road when it comes to Affordable Housing. We will see more as this comes along.

Another item I wanted to talk to you all about is that we are coming to the end of the Grand Lake Adaptive Management season. That is the time period between June and the end of September when pumping operations between the far plant and the East Slope occur. Every week there are Adaptive Management meetings to show the way that the water is being moved and how the Adaptive Management programs are satisfying the requirements to maintain not only the quality of recreation in Grand Lake but all of the other steps that this allows for. Because of some of the very questionable items that Northern Water and the Bureau of Reclamation have done this year has created a mess in Shadow. Many of you that have been around have noticed that whether it's weeds or dirt or algae or any number of bad conditions in Shadow, it has been a horrible, horrible year. In fact, there have been two incidences in Grand Lake in the last month and a half where there was a clog in the Adams collection tunnel. A couple weeks ago the water level in Grand Lake went up about two and a half inches. That is because it doesn't take too long when they are pumping all of that water into a lake that has the clogged drain. They did finally figure it out and it flushed out about

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four inches and it has now balanced back out. Because of that, and it started this spring with the different water concerns in Grand County. Grand County, Colorado River Conservation District, NWCCOG and the Three Lakes Watershed Association, as well as Grand Lake, are getting together to assemble a collaborative response to the Adaptive Management program. The stakeholders are putting together a single document that will be sent to Northern, so it will have the signatures of the five concerned. This is a huge step for the County to say that; Ok maybe we've been too nice with Northern and its finally time for everyone to talk with the same voice. I have been on a Committee that's looked at structural alternatives, and as many of you know, that has been working for the last five years. Many of those structural alternatives were presented as so far out of the realm of possibility that they were audacious. The stakeholders on the West Slope side feel that, as has been for the last four years, the whole idea of structural alternatives are just a way to get everybody to say, Ok you guys just do Adaptive Management and play with the water and the pumps, even though it never worked.

The Town of Grand Lake has been asked to provide input. My input, having been in the meetings, is that we should continue to investigate structural alternatives and find real economic answers to the possibilities before we give up. I would like the consensus of this Board to be able to speak to that specifically in this collaborative letter that would have our comments and be integrated with the other four agencies collaborating on this letter. More sad news that I did hear today, many in the audience here today knew Phill Pankie, he passed away today. Phill had been a member of the Navy in World War Two, was a Rotarian and during Constitution Week Phill would present each session. He will be missed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve going into Executive Session regarding: **Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e)(1) to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; develop strategy for negotiations; and instruct negotiators.** 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 Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye

The Grand Lake Board of Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:30 PM  
The Grand Lake Board of Trustees ended the Executive Session at 8:00 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 Arntson	Aye
Trustee Bruton	Aye



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This meeting of the Grand Lake Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

(Attest)



*Jennifer Thompson*  
Jennifer Thompson, Town Clerk

*Steve Kudron*  
Steve Kudron, Mayor