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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M. - TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Mayor Worthey at 7:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Butts - present Quinn - present
 Cook - present Stevens - present

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – Trails Chairman Dick Bratton requested that the Board table the Public Hearing in order to give the Trails Committee time to do further research on the trailhead access. Town Attorney, Matt Krob recommended that the Board go forward with the Public Hearing as it has been posted, published and the neighborhood notified. He stated that the Board could consider a continuation of the hearing in order to take in the new input from the Trails Committee and citizens and therefore not need to publish again. **M/S Stevens/Quinn to approve the agenda as submitted. All yeas.**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES FOR 5/06/14
B. BILLS RUN THROUGH 5/07/14 to 5/15/2014 for \$13,818.65
C. ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF 5/13/14 INTO THE RECORD
M/S Quinn/Butts to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Quinn, Butts, Worthey, Cook in favor; Stevens opposed.

CRYSTAL LATIER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SENIOR ANALYST, EL PASO COUNTY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – LaTier summarized the history of the Block Grant Program and the projects that were awarded since El Paso County was designated as a CDBG community in 2009. She was requesting that the Town submit a letter of intent signed by the Mayor to be either excluded or included from the Urban County. The Board members authorized Mayor Worthey to submit a letter stating that the Town elects to continue the renewing IGA with El Paso County in the CDBG program.

KEN MURPHY, CIRSA CONTRACTOR – Town Hall Project Update Murphy reported that the project is going well and is on schedule. He will be reporting monthly to the Board until the project completion. Trustee Quinn requested a site plan be added to the drawings on the wall at Town Hall. Murphy will contact the architect, Robert Seever for the drawing.

PROPOSAL OF A DONATION OF AN ELECTRICAL UPGRADE TO GAZEBO PARK - Contractor, Sterling Penman **M/S Butts/Cook to accept the donation of an additional electrical component for the Gazebo Park area as submitted in the drawings from Jesse Stroope, for the Green Box Arts organization. All yeas.**

APPLICATION REVIEW FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION Trustee Cook stated that he has received five applications that met the Town's requirements for the position and he will be interviewing the applicants next week. Trustee Quinn will assist with the interviews as well as an advisor from El Paso County DOT.

DISCUSSION OF REVISIONS TO THE 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET – Trustee Michael Butts reviewed the amendments that were made to the 2014 budget as they pertain to the DOLA, RBD and CIRSA grants and insurance payments. He summarized his meeting with the Town

Clerk to review areas within the budget to find funds to appropriate the DOLA in-kind funds of approximately \$55,000. Butts stated that they were able to identify sources to appropriate from for approximately \$25,000. Butts discussed the pool budget, both revenues and expenditures. He reported what has been Board and public knowledge that the seasonal pool does not make money and the expenditures are usually \$10,000 over the revenues. There was audience and Board discussion that the pool is both an asset and a tradition to the town used by both year round and summer residents and tourists. It was noted municipal pools historically do not produce the revenues to sustain expenditures.

Mayor Worthey called the Public Hearing to order at 8:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE PROPOSED MT. DEWEY TRAILHEAD ACCESS ON CATAMOUNT STREET RIGHT OF WAY Kimberly Hargrave, a resident at 10830 Ora Street presented and read a five page letter of concern to the Board and audience addressing the Dewey Mountain Access Trail at the 5/6 Board meeting which precipitated this public hearing. Hargrave submitted a second letter expressing concerns that 90% of the proposed trail presented by the Trail's Committee is not on the Historic Green Mountain Falls land but on private property owned by Donna Everly, Arthur Littlejohn and the State Forest Service. She asked if Bratton had contacted these owners about trails access and he stated he had not yet done so but was confident an easement could be obtained. Hargrave stated he was jumping the gun and it seemed much too premature to discuss a trailhead. She asked if there should be a Catamount trailhead at all or should other alternative sites be reviewed and in particular does the Town need another trail. By submitting these concerns to the Board, Hargrave hoped the project would not go forward and that the Board would take into account neighborhood concerns. Hargrave stated that a new trail affects not only her neighborhood but the entire community as far as wildfire concerns. The Waldo Canyon fire was started not far from the trail. She stated this was an ill-conceived plan with potential catastrophic ramifications. A letter of concern was read by Belvedere Avenue resident Lana Fox supporting the concerns expressed by Hargrave concerning parking, potential for neighborhood break-ins and criminal activity. She stated that on a recent hike up the north Catamount trail, most of the warning signs are faded and unrecognizable. She noted two large fire rings – one showing signs of recent activity. Fox urged the Board to consider Hargrave's concerns which she feels are similar sentiments of the community at large. Mac Pitrone resident of Ora Street is very familiar with the area and the large number of hikers that use this social trail even though it has always been private property. He stated that because it is on the south side, there is not much of a forest floor which makes it easier for a fire to start. He reported that he has cleaned up many cigarette and cigar butts. Pitrone stated that the Town has an ample trails system as it is and Mt. Dewey could be enjoyed as a backdrop and remain open space. He feels that the Trails Committee may be taking on more work and trails maintenance than they can keep up with into the future. He stated a trail system is a luxury not a necessity. John and Rose Weber of Catamount Street acknowledge the closeness of the trailhead to the Hargrave residence – within 5'. He feels alternate access should be found. Pamela Giraud of Hondo Avenue looks at Dewey Mountain from her property and asked Bratton did the Historic Foundation simply want to preserve open space or did they actually purchase the land to promote more trails. She felt that should be confirmed and the purchasers should be made aware of the angst this trailhead is causing for the neighborhood. William Alexander of Myrtle Street stated that he supports the trail but not if it infringes upon the quality of life of residents. Peter Kolar of Grandview Avenue stated that he hikes the trail often and has stopped campfires and has seen people camping overnight. He and his wife often clean the trail of debris left by hikers. He said he lives in an area that is quiet and peaceful and does not want a trail to

jeopardize that. Carol Krick of Florence Street stated there was no alternate trails access by her house as had been discussed by the trails committee. Lorrie Morgan, Catamount Street stated that several hikers cut through the Littlejohn property now and she did have concerns that the trailhead could potentially have negative effects on the neighborhood. Trajn Boughan of Howard Street commented which would the community want, hikers or rooftops. Bratton stated the Trails Committee wanted to work with the neighborhood to make this happen. He is asking for time to look at alternate measures and bring back more pros and cons for the Board. Bratton stated that the committee has looked at four different routes.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:54 p.m. and the regular meeting continued.

M/S Cook/Quinn to continue the hearing until 6/17/14. All yea

MUNICIPAL POOL DISCUSSION – Trustee David Cook solicited bids for the sandblasting and painting of the pool. He introduced the contractor Karl Martin who submitted a bid for \$10,500 to the Board members. Martin explained the scope of work and is recommending that all layers of paint and patching are removed down to the concrete. An extensive conversation took place with the Board and audience members concerning the value of the pool to the community. Trustee Butts stated that it would be stretching the 2014 budget to come up with the funds. Martin reduced his bill by \$500 and resident Dick Bratton stated that the pool is beloved by many and he donated \$5,000 to the project. He recommended that the board go to the citizens for help. The Board is considering a fund raiser this summer to maintain the pool and cover the costs of the sandblasting and concrete repairs. Martin committed to having the project completed in time for the pool to open on 6/7. He is recommending that he use epoxy instead of paint and feels his work will last 5 years. He is requesting one third down if his contract is accepted. **M/S Cook/Quinn to accept the bid of \$10,000 from Karl Martin with the terms requested of one third down. All yea**

Mayor Worthey called a Public Hearing to order at 9:42 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 04-2014 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, COLORADO - Attorney, Matt Krob summarized the three legal changes made to Ordinance 02-2014, the Citizen's Initiative that he discussed with the Board at the 5/06 meeting. Sections 2-261, 2-262 and 2-263 of Ordinance 02-2014 will be repealed and replaced with legal wording from state statute. Copies were sent to the three members of the Citizen's Initiative Issue Committee for their review. Committee member Dick Lackmond was present and stated that he had no concerns with the changes the town attorney was recommending. **There being no further comments from the members of the audience or the Board, the Public Hearing was closed at 9:55 p.m. and the regular meeting continued.**

The Board approved the following findings:

- The Board of Trustees is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado.
 - The registered electors initiated a proposed ordinance, pursuant to the initiative power reserved by Article V Section 1(9) of the State Constitution, to establish a code of ethics.
 - The Board of Trustees wished to clarify some ambiguities within the previously adopted code of ethics, specifically with regard to part-time and seasonal staff and independent contractors.
- M/S Butts/Worthey to pass Ordinance 04-2014 on the first reading. All yea**

REVIEW OF RESUMES/APPLICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES At the 5/06 Board meeting, the attorney summarized the Board's options and timeline on filling the two vacancies within 60 days of receiving the two resignations or hold an election. The Board set the close of business day on Monday, May 19, 2014 to receive resumes and letters of intent. One application was submitted by Belvedere Avenue resident, Don Ellis. The attorney requested that the Board table discussion of extending the application deadline or setting an election until the attorney's report section of the agenda. **M/S Quinn/Stevens to appoint Don Ellis to fill one of the vacated seats on the Board. All yea**

M/S Butts/Cook to table further discussion of filling the remaining vacated seat until the attorney's report. All yea

Ellis will be sworn in at the June 3, 2014 meeting. Mayor Worthey will contact Ellis on his appointment.

PUBLIC INPUT – Olathe Street resident, Richard Lackmond stated that if the Board does not receive any eligible applications for the trustee vacancy, he will volunteer to join the Board and submit an application.

DISCUSSION OF UPDATING THE 2007 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN The Board of Trustees discussed a Comprehensive Plan update. They discussed a proposal received on 4/9/14 from Chris Keesee on behalf of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund to consider a community planning process that would result in an updated Comprehensive Plan. Keesee donated \$39,000 through the Foundation for the 2007 plan update which cost approximately \$59,000. Dick Bratton walked the Board members through the update process. The 2007 plan was adopted after 18 months of working with the citizen's committee, community at large and a contractor. Town Attorney, Matt Krob offered to obtain plans from similar communities. Trustee Stevens recommended that these other comprehensive plans be reviewed prior to choosing a contractor. **M/S Stevens/Butts to task the Planning Commission with the project of updating the 2007 Comprehensive Plan. All yea**

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS: The attorney recommended that the contractor speak to the resident Karen Watson about the dirt being removed at the Town Maintenance yard for the new town Hall project. Watson feels that the dirt is being removed from an area of an access road to her property above the yard that she owns and the town does not. She is concerned with the access road being undermined due to this excavation. **No other** new business or correspondence was presented that required Board action or discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE: No municipal correspondence that required Board discussion or action was presented.

REPORTS:

Attorney's Report - The attorney discussed the Board extending the vacancy application process until Monday, June 2, 2014 in the hopes of receiving another application and avoiding a Special Election. The attorney stated that in light of the letters of resignation received on May 9, 2014 from the Town Clerk and Administrative Assistant, an election would be difficult to schedule at this time. The attorney also recommended that the Board seek applications to fill the positions from individuals with municipal experience which he feels would be an asset to the Board and the town. Mayor Worthey has arranged for Calhan/Ramah Town Clerk, Cindy Tompkins to assist at the Town Hall one day a week.

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The clerk left the meeting at 11:10 p.m. therefore there are no minutes reflecting the reports from the Board or staff members.

CORRESPONDENCE: No municipal correspondence that required Board discussion or action was presented.

There being no further business, Mayor Worthey adjourned the meeting at 12:18 a.m.

Mayor Lorrie Worthey

ATTEST: _____
Chris Frandina, Town Clerk