

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens.

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Pitrone</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Useman</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>King</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>Bratton</b>	<b>present</b>
	<b>Worthey</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>Newberry</b>	<b>absent</b>

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA** - No additions, deletions or corrections were presented.

**PUBLIC INPUT - Items Not Listed on Agenda \*** - Ann Pinnell, 9880 Mesa Road, Chipita Park stated how beautiful the town and the Gazebo Lake area are and she feels people often take the beauty for granted. She has watched children throwing rocks at the wildlife in the lake and has picked up countless feet of discarded fishing line left at the lake area as well as dead fish. Pinnell encouraged everyone to talk with the children about this behavior and in general, to ask people to do the right thing to protect the wildlife and keep the lake area beautiful.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- APPROVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES, 6/7/11
- APPROVE BILLS DUE AND PAYABLE FOR \$7,383.66
- ACCEPT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF 6/14/11  
INTO THE RECORD

**M/S Pitrone/King to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All yea**

**EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER SALLIE CLARK** was not able to attend this meeting and will reschedule to discuss the Rainbow Falls Project. Mayor Stevens reported that the Great Parks Great Communities Initiative appears to be off the County Commissioners Agenda for consideration of a ballot question at this time.

The Public hearing was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Stevens.

**PUBLIC HEARING: REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL USE TO OPERATE VACATION**

**RENTAL**, Property Owner, Michael Lambert, 10735 Foster Avenue; Sutton, Inc. Property Management Representative was present at the hearing. The site was posted with a Public Hearing Notice. Ten informational packets were sent to neighboring properties within 100' of Lambert's property lines. To date, five letters in favor of granting a Special Use for Vacation Rentals have been received. The owner is proposing no more than 8 guests in the three bedroom home. House Rental Rules and Regulations were submitted to the Board members for their review. There being no further comments from the Board or audience members, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

The findings of the Planning Commission as listed herein were agreed upon by the Board members:

- Neighboring land uses are compatible with the proposed use.
- The use will not be detrimental to the neighboring properties.
- Affirmative responses received from neighboring property owners.
- Increased revenues to be achieved through sales tax and lodging tax.

**M/S Bratton/Pitrone to approve the Special Use Request for 10735 Foster Avenue to operate a vacation rental. All yea**

**DISCUSSION ON LOWERING THE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR UTE PASS AVENUE**

Trustee Dick Bratton requested that this topic be placed on the agenda after a concern from Ann Pinnell, 9889 Mesa Road was voiced at the 6/7/11 meeting. Bratton stated that first the Board has to decide if there is a problem and then discuss solutions. Bratton feels there is a problem. Both Pinnell and Bratton feel that 25 MPH on Ute Pass Avenue is too fast for the conditions especially between the 4-way stop sign and the pool parking lot. Bratton stated that there are more vehicles, more people, more joggers, and more animals in the downtown core. He stated that there is heavier traffic to and from the Pantry Restaurant and the Pantry Gardens. Diagonal parking makes it more difficult to see as a driver is backing out. He has witnessed many drivers rolling through the 4 way stop sign. He has spoken to several business owners: Kim Wart, Amily Beidelman, Kim Rust and property owner Jack Mountford all who have stated that traffic is going too fast on Ute Pass Avenue. Bratton sat in front of the liquor store and witnessed several speeders. Bratton would like Green Mountain Falls to have a reputation of being tough on speeders. Mayor Stevens stated that two issues are getting commingled: drivers that exceed the posted speed limit and lowering the speed limit on Ute Pass Avenue. Generally with board and audience members, it was felt that lowering the speed limit by 5 MPH would not make a difference. Consensus was that increasing enforcement would be the most effective control and produce the best results. The speed limit on Ute Pass Avenue was changed from 30 MPH to 25 MPH many years ago. Public Works Director Robert McArthur reported that the transportation studies he reviewed stated lowering speed limits do not decrease accidents, enforcement does. He stated that the signs one sees in other areas of Town e.g. 10 MPH in front of the Lakeside Cottages, 5 MPH on blind curves are warning signs not traffic signs. Marshal Tim Bradley supported the increased traffic enforcement. He stated that he will not warn for 10 MPH over the posted speed limit; a ticket will be issued. He feels this is not a revenue issue but community safety issue. The consensus was to allow the new marshal to do his job and evaluate the traffic concerns and report back to the Board at the September 20th meeting. The Clerk gave everyone a copy of the Model Traffic Code outlining the Town speed limit codes. Amendments would be through public hearing and ordinance adoption process. Bratton did not support waiting until September for an action to be taken. **M/S Useman/Pitrone to table a decision on the speed limit in Town until the September 20, 2011 meeting. Useman, Pitrone, Stevens, King to approve; Bratton opposed.**

**ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY GRANT UPDATE** - Grant Facilitator, Joe Hanke discussed the results of the votes from the 6/14 work group meeting. There were five separate votes. The first was for the 4 general categories: Expand Community Events/Activities, Increase Business Attraction/Promotional Activities, Enhance Community Infrastructure and Improve Governmental Organization Efficiency/Effectiveness. The next four were for the recommendations under each of the separate general categories. No more than 50% of an individual's total voting allotment (100) could be placed on a general category and no more than 30% of an individual's voting allotment (100) could be placed on an individual recommendation under each general category. These results will be placed on the Town's website. Hanke is preparing a draft of his final report for the Economic Sustainability Project and will send it to the Board for review. He recommends that the report be appended to the Town's Comprehensive Plan and be adopted through a resolution. Hanke re-iterated that the success of the project will be in the continuation of a work group to spearhead the report recommendations. Mayor Stevens requested that a call for Economic Sustainability work group volunteers be put on the July 5, 2011 agenda.

**REPORTS: Mayor Stevens: PPACG/PPRTA** - No report. **Marshal's Report** was presented by Marshal Bradley and entered into the record by Mayor Stevens. Bradley reported on the purchase of a LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) unit for the department. LIDAR is an optical remote sensing technology that can measure the distance to, or other properties of a target by illuminating the target with light, often using pulses from a laser. This purchase was made from the donation received from the Hardgrave Family in honor of John Hardgrave and also to acknowledge Randy Ford's retirement.

**Trustee Pitrone: Regional Building** - No report.

**Public Works Department: DPW Director** - McArthur's report was entered into the record by Trustee Pitrone. McArthur submitted a safety report and a memo dated 6/20 addressing a request from a resident that a "blind child area" sign be posted in the vicinity of their home at 10778 Ute Pass Avenue. McArthur reported on the recent progress with the ADA accessibility project at Town Hall.

**Trustee King: PPACG Alternate / TES Alternate Rep** - No report. **Administration** - No report. **Trustee Useman: Manitou School District 14** - No report.

**Trustee Worthey: Urban Forestry/GIS website** - No report.

**Trustee Bratton:** The next Trails meeting will be on July 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Mucky Duck Restaurant; open invitation to attend the meeting. He summarized the progress made through June 19th on the Crystal Trail. There will be another Crystal Trail workday on 6/25. Volunteers are encouraged.

**Trustee Newberry: Parks** - No report.

**OLD BUSINESS** - **No old** business was presented that required Board discussion or action.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Mayor Stevens requested that the topic of developing a local business directory on the Town website be added to the July 5th meeting agenda as a separate discussion item. **No other** new business was presented that required Board discussion or action.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - **Great** Outdoors Colorado staff notified the Town that the tennis court upgrade grant request was not selected for funding. The Town was encouraged to submit for the next grant cycle. Sixteen applications were received by GOCO with eight chosen for a total award of \$301,650.00. **No other correspondence** was received that required Board of Trustee discussion or an action.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

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Mayor Tyler S. C. Stevens

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Frandina, Town Clerk/Treasurer