



## Town of Green Mountain Falls

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee/Wayfinding Signage Task

Force Meeting Agenda

P.O. Box 524; 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

Wednesday, 09/08/2021 at 3:00 p.m.

### ONLINE MEETING ONLY\*\*\*

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### REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
3:30	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
3:30	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	
3:30	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	
3:35	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Meeting Minutes from PRT Committee Meeting held on 8/11/2021	<b>PRT Committee Action Required</b>
3:40	5.	Old Business: a. Update on Creek Walk b. Catamount Trail Re-Route Discussion	Information & Discussion Only
		New Business a. Open Positions on the PRT b. Welcome Sign	Information & Discussion Only
4:40	7.	Correspondence	Information Only
4:40	8.	Reports a. Chairperson, Jesse Stroope, 2021 PRT Goals Progress Report	Information Only
4:50	9.	ADJOURN	

\*Please note: Times are approximate.

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**Town of Green Mountain Falls  
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes  
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road  
Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Chair Jesse Stroope  
Vice Chair Jay Kita  
Member Clay Gafford  
Member Rebecca Ochkie  
Member Don Walker

**Town Staff Present**

Matt Gordon

**Board Members Absent**

**Secretary**

Matt Gordon

**Trustees Present**

Trustee Guthrie

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Chair Stroope accepted the agenda.

3. PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER

No public speakers present.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Meeting Minutes from PRT Committee Meeting held on 7/7/2021

M/S Kita/Ochkie Motion passed - All ayes

5. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Wayfinding Signage Update

Stroope coordinated tower locations with Liz Ives which includes a list of tiles on towers; the vendor has the list. Stroope presented what the towers look like. Need a volunteer to join Liz for verification before the final draft. Checking with Virgil will be the final check. There are 10 tower locations. Proposed deadline is a week timeframe. Kita volunteered.

b. Trail maps update

Stroope has the current PDFs. Copies being made to previous meeting requirements. Distributed to Matt for posting on the town website including the PRT page and Trail Ambassador page. Maps were sent to Interstate Parking as well.

## New Business

### a. Creek Week Project

Stroope - Board has declared Sept 25-Oct 3 as Creek Week. Allison Plute from Watershed will provide supplies for cleanup. Clean up will include debris in the creek and anything in the waterway. This satisfies a PRT goal. Gafford will try to be in town to help. Kita will be recovering from surgery but he does have materials from Fountain Creek effort, clean up materials and grabbers. Stroope is available Oct 2. Ochkie will be here. Walker - weekends are booked. Dixon will be here. Gordon available. Stroope asked to check with Trail Ambassadors. Dixon has a pick up. Stroope has a construction dumpster that can be used for debris. Ochkie, fliers to be posted around town to ask for volunteers. Stroope will have fliers made and will distribute them to PRT members to post.

### b. Catamount Trail Closure

Stroope presented four possible recommendations to Board:

#### 1. Disputing/verifying timeline - adverse possession.

Mayor/town manager does not seem to be in favor.

Kita - Presented a PP about the trespass which includes 500' of trail. Catamount Trail was dedicated on June 18, 2001. Documented that the trail has been in use and made available to the public for 20 years. Land was purchased in 1988. Public right of way starting in 2000.

Stroope - any other trespasses? Gafford - Rodrigez property trespass? Not on Hondo access.

Stroope - easement from Belvedere.

#### 2. Easement

Smith has communicated to the town manager that he is not interested.

#### 3. Donation or sale of land

What is the asking price? Gordon - was not discussed. Gafford - 140k? Kita - 14k original purchase price in 1988. This parcel is steep, unbuildable and not accessible. If there is no easement granted from Rodrigez, it is landlocked. Gordon - town manager works on negotiated price. Stroope to follow up on this

#### 4. Reroute

Walker/Wines spent four hours in the area and came to the conclusion that no reroute is possible due to boulders/cliffs and being too steep. SW passage is a possibility that would abandon most of the trail already built.

Kita placed No Trespass signs on the trail.

Kita will verify private property owners, contact Rodriguez, access points to an alternative route. Will send email to PRT members by BCC. Kita asked Trustee Guthrie for permission to contact Rodriguez. Permission granted.

Walker does CSU have a road easement? GMF should request a right of way for fire escape purposes? This is a task for the Fire Mitigation committee.

Recommendation at this time? Kita - adverse possession is viable. Colorado law is 18 years. Guthrie - Has the town attorney been involved? Gordon - Yes, he is aware of the situation. Smith requested this trail be closed years ago? If so, adverse possession is in question. Any supporting docs for this? Gordon will contact Blasi for history. Stroope - Putting a stop includes posting No Trespassing signs which was never done. Walker - Suggested revisiting the easement proposal. Recommends a sit down with concerned parties to discuss easement and donation/sale options before "adverse possession" option is used.

At this time, there is not enough information to make a solid recommendation to the Board. Stroope will set up a sub meeting with Katherine, town manager, Kita and Gordon to help make an informed recommendation to the board. Kita, Stroope will inform the other PRT members.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### Trail Ambassador update

Dixon said that hiker traffic was very light which could be due to trail closure and/or air quality due to smoke. Volunteers are getting burned out, sign up is slowing down. May end the program early depending on hiker numbers. Supplying an info page for the clipboards that gives what trails are still open and how to access the Garden of Eden/reservoirs via Dewey/Bratton/Catamount which will add approximately 2 miles to the hike.

## 8. REPORTS

Gordon asked if an updated press release should be written to let hikers know that Garden of Eden/reservoirs are still accessible. Stroope said that was a good idea. Dixon volunteered to compose a press release and to put up a Trail Closed sign at the Catamount/Bratton intersection.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT at 4:15pm.

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Head Chair

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Secretary