



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Mayor Jane Newberry
Trustee Margaret Peterson
Trustee Dyani Loo
Trustee Katharine Guthrie
Trustee Chris Quinn

Town Manager

Angie Sprang

Town Clerk

Board Members Absent

Town Attorney

Public Works

Marshal's Dept.

Virgil Hodges

Regular Meeting:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jane Newberry called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll was taken.

2. Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda

Mayor Newberry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Loo, to accept the Agenda. Motion passed.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from July 7th, 2020

- b. Colorado Interactive Payment Processing Contract for Muni & Lodging Revs Integration

This is making everything for licenses go online as explained by Ms. Sprang.

Mayor Newberry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Loo to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

4. New Business

- a. Temporary Catamount Trail Closure at Hondo due to CSU Construction – Beginning August 4, 2020

Angie explained that it does not stop the trail, just the road. Loo asked if they will help with money. The trail head will be closed but traffic should remain okay. Hikers may have to go around on another road.

Mayor Newberry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Loo, to allow the construction. Motion passed.

- b. Governor's Executive Order: Ordering Individuals in Colorado to wear Non-Medical Face Coverings – Informational Only

Ms. Sprang explained the recent COVID-19 governor response. Mayor Newberry mentioned how strict it is in Manitou.

5. Old Business

- a. Mt. Dewey Trail Update & Discussion

The property dispute was solved by the involved people. Trustee Peterson talked about signage and how the trails would need signage to prevent people from going into the back path.

Trustee Loo made a motion, seconded by Trustee Peterson to open the trail back up to the public. Motion carried.

- b. Proposed CARES ACT Budget

Ms. Sprang explained what the money could be used for and what the plans are and what other governments are doing. Trustee Peterson asked about due dates and past expenses. Ms. Sprang answered. Trustee Peterson asked about hiring people with the money. Ms. Sprang answered and said she would find out the specifics. This item was reserved until the trail discussions were done, then picked back up.

Talking about hiring a new unbudgeted officer. Trustee Guthrie talked about the reservists. The Marshal talked about his two reservists and the time they need to come and how they are both falling behind, and funding is very hard. Trustee Peterson asked about reserves and how easy they are to get. The Marshal talked about the requirements to be hired, very high standards. Not settling for less than an excellent officer. The Marshal talked about how difficult is to find people who can work in the town then Mayor Newberry talked about what would be most helpful. Mayor Newberry then talked about this new officer and how they would be helped or how to hire them and how to do it. She wants it to be helpful and the Marshal thinks it would be very helpful. Talks about community policing and everyone helping. Can CARES funding help with permanent hires questions followed. Then Ms. Sprang talked about FEMA funding.

Mayor Newberry made a motion, seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve the budget. Motion carried

- c. Trails Discussion & Consideration of Resolution 2020-14 A
Resolution of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado directing the Town Manager to close all trails and trailheads in the Town due to COVID-19 health concerns.

The Mayor gave a speech about covid-19 and the town and the bathrooms and how everyone is trying their best. How everything is being very thought through. She addressed hikers and behavior of hikers and the Town. Talked about trails coalition and an idea of trails ambassador. Trustee Loo talked about how she is doing research on other towns and their ideas but also how many towns are being strained in the natural resource department because “outside” is safer.

The mayor opened it up to the public;

Rooco B talked about volunteering to take down signs to help at MT Dewey trail and save public works time. He talked about how he believes there are other options to help the trails. He thinks this resolution is uncompleted.

Todd D talks about COVID-19 being the reason for the trail closure, and the CDC opinions.

Judith doesn't think any reason should close the trails. Wants further discussion and compromise.

Dorrie G likes the trails and doesn't want them to close.

Mike Frey is worried about losing money from the hikers not coming. Hikers can socially distance. He believes that this resolution hurts the vision of the town.

Liz I doesn't understand why we can't protect the bathrooms, and why we should close the trails.

Mac P wants the trails to be closed because we can't control hikers.

Lamar D agrees with Rocco and Mike and Judith and the like.

Clay G talked about LoCascio pictures and what Mac said being right.

LoCascio talked about how it needs to be passed now to protect everyone. Believes that hikers are not helping.

Dave Young talked about the need for professional help in the medical field. And thinks the trails would stay open because of the CDC.

Dick B thanked people who are defending the trails, believes that COVID-19 is not a good enough reason. The cost is too severe.

Susan D talked about the governor supporting trails, and how great the trails are in GMFs. We need to fix the hikers. Don't close trails find a better solution.

Rebecca O loves trails and moved here for it, suggests closing some trails and rotating, hears the plea of people who live right on popular areas and streets.

Back to the board; Trustee Quinn talked about behavior, and the hiker education and signs and ambassadors. Trustee Quinn does not support closing trails. Trustee Peterson talked with someone from El Paso County Health about how outside is great. What are the truths behind every risk. If we want our schools to open, we must stop the spread. Trustee Peterson and Trustee Quinn want people to volunteer. Loves the idea of alternating trails. Trustee Guthrie doesn't know if COVID-19 is the main issue, she thinks it's hiker behavior. Recognizes the roads are a huge issue. Asks more questions about ambassadors. Trustee Guthrie doesn't think we should close the trails. Trustee Loo wants eyes on long term and short-term plans. Small town versus tourism conflicts.

Disagreement conflict occurred about the best next step for this resolution. BoT discussion followed. Sprang gave more information.

Trustee Peterson made a motion, seconded by Mayor Newberry to continue this item into the next meeting. Trustees Quinn, Loo and Guthrie voted no, and the motion failed.

Trustee Quinn made a counter motion, seconded by Trustee Loo to fail and remove Resolution 2020-14. All were a yes, motion carried.

6. Public Input – 3 Minutes Per Speaker

Rocco talked about trails being funded by private donations. He recapped the last meeting on July 7th and talked about the ordinance that was passed and the trustee's involvement. Believes that not enough time was given. Makes comments about trustees. Disagrees with how some of the minutes are done, thinks they are inconsistent. He is shocked by the applications the trustees recently approved. Then he thanked the trustees for helping make everyone more politically conscious.

Lamar thinks COVID-19 is a great opportunity to fix problems with the Town that have been here a while. Wants to use COVID-19 money to clean up these issues. Mac wants paid parking in most nonresidential areas. Mac also wants the male trustee to resign.

Judith wants to delay the work until less hikers come on Hondo. And is very sad the board took apart the trails committee and then asked for volunteers.

Mike B talked about the danger of speeding and hikers. And thanked the Marshal for his hard work.

7. Correspondence:

- a. DOLA Planning code re-write grant award letter
- b. Letter of appreciation for the Marshal

Mayor Newberry and Ms. Sprang talked about them.

8. Reports

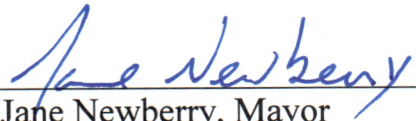
- a. Trustees – Mayor talked about how she was just at a mayor conference and talking about grants. Talked about the comments being made on social media. Talked about how thankful she is that our “hot topics” are not too problematic or wild. Very thankful for the whole community and their involvement. Trustee Peterson talked Bronc Day and how this low-key version is getting back to our roots, then she asked about the lake and Ms. Sprang explained the hook issues. Talked about how someone hit a goose and hid it. Trustee Guthrie talked about the grants she's working on. Trustee Loo talked about enjoying the Summer of Good Neighbors and enjoying it. Ms. Sprang agreed.
- b. Manager Angie Sprang spoke about the updates on signage and volunteers and Victor M gave some numbers.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.



Angie Sprang, Town Manager



Jane Newberry, Mayor