

TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting
December 1, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Town Attorney

Not present

Town Manager

Angie Sprang

Public Works

Not present

Town Clerk

Position Open

Marshal's Dept.

Virgil Hodges

Administrative Assistant

Mallory Redmon

Town Planner

Julia Simmons

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

Mayor Jane Newberry called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All members were present.

2. Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda

Agenda items 7 and 8 were proposed to be moved until the next BOT meeting on 12/15/20. Mayor Newberry made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected, seconded by Trustee Quinn. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

3. Persons Not Present on the Agenda

(3 minutes given per speaker)

A. Rocco Blasi – 10955 Belvidere Ave

Mr. Blasi suggested that funding for FM Committee be reduced in half and applied towards Fire Mitigation grant with matching funds from grant to be used towards fire mitigation projects.

B. Dick Bratton – 11190 Hondo Ave.

Mr. Bratton stated that two new applicants have applied for FM Committee.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. **Bring into record Accounts Payable for 11/17/2020-11/27/2020**
- b. **Meeting minutes from 11/17/2020 BOT meeting**

c. Meeting minutes from 9/1/2020 BOT meeting

Trustee Peterson asked why 9/1/20 agenda was on the agenda for approval; Angie Sprang stated that it was due to formatting.

Trustee Guthrie stated her name was misspelled on 11/17/20. Mayor Newberry made motion to approve consent agenda with corrections; Trustee Peterson seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

5. Fire Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Opportunities – presented by Michelle Connelly

Ms. Connelly from CUSP presented a grant opportunity, proposing that Green Mountain Falls dedicate \$15,000 per year for a three-year period, which would be matched by grant, for a total of \$90,000 over a three-year period to be dedicated to fire mitigation. Mitigation work would only take place on Town lands, not on private lands. Mayor Newberry stated that the Green Mountain Falls could only commit to one year's budget at a time. Angie Sprang stated that a letter of commitment could be possible, detailing intentions of committing \$15,000 the first year, and prioritizing \$15,000 for the next 2 years during the budgetary process but not guaranteeing funds for a full 3 years. Trustee Loo asked how much of a project could be completed with \$90,000 over 3 years; Ms. Connelly stated that work was completed in acreages, but it was difficult to determine since the high-risk areas in Town are in "patches." Trustee Loo asked if there were other grants to apply for fire mitigation work in the future; Ms. Connelly affirmed this. Ms. Connelly stated funds would go to identifying nuisance and diseased trees, and to removing the trees. Trustee Guthrie asked if funding would also go to educating private owners about nuisance trees, and Ms. Connelly affirmed. Ms. Connelly explained that there is a mistletoe infection throughout the trees in Town, which weakens the trees and can lead to a beetle infestation. Mayor Newberry asked that Angie Sprang work with Ms. Connelly Mayor Newberry made motion to apply for this grant; seconded by Trustee Peterson. Trustee Loo asked if \$30,000 for grant efforts in 2021 budget was allocated to any specific project; Angie Sprang said, it was up to the Board. Mayor Newberry said it would be good for \$15,000 to be allocated to FM grant opportunity, but to use the remaining funds for other grant opportunities. Board agreed. Mayor made motion to support Michelle Connelly to pursue grant for \$15,000 pledge from Town, seconded by Trustee Quinn. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

6. Consideration of Resolution 2020-18: A Resolution of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, Adopting a Three Mile Plan

Julia Simmons presented resolution with no changes as it stands. Trustee Quinn made motion to approve, seconded by (46). All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes.

7. Proposed 2021 Fees Schedule

Item continued until BOT meeting on 12/15/2020.

8. Advisory Board Membership Applications – Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee applicant Pamela Giraud

Item continued until BOT meeting on 12/15/2020.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

10. REPORTS

- a. Trustee Reports – Trustee Guthrie said Chamber of Commerce would decorate garden in Town. No other trustee reports.
- b. Committee Reports – No committee reports.
- c. Staff Reports – No staff reports from manager, planner or administrative assistant. Town Marshal suggested a project called GMF Cares, where residents write Christmas cards to residents in nursing homes, with drop boxes located at Town Hall and Marshal’s office. Mayor Newberry stated this was a good idea and to pursue it.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Newberry adjourned meeting at 7:53 PM.

Mallory Redmon, Administrative Asst.

Jane Newberry, Town Mayor

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