

TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
Regular Board of Trustee Meeting
July 2nd, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Mayor Todd Dixon
Trustee Don Walker
Trustee John Bell
Trustee Sean Ives
Trustee Sunde King
Town Manager
Becky Frank

Board Members Absent

Trustee Sunde King
Town Attorney
Marshal's Dept
Will Starks
Town Clerk
Bo Ayad

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

Mayor Dixon called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A tech check was conducted.

2. Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda

Trustee King motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Bell. Motion carried.

3. Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes from the 2024-05-21 BoT Meeting. Trustee King requested the following corrections: Item 6a) The word “fee” should follow the word “application”, in paragraph 7h) Trustee Bell’s name should be capitalized, in paragraph g) the word Trustee should precede the names of the trustees. Trustee Bell motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Ives. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports

Mayor Dixon reported on the receipt of a large portion of the expected FEMA dollars. The Town Marshal reported on activities from his department from the last month. The Town Clerk reported on accessibility compliance and thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend this years CML conference. The Town Manager reported on grant activities, new trailhead trash containers and audit progress.

5. Public Comment

Jesse Stroope made public comment about the hardship to applicants regarding the current procedure for building applications.
Robin Meyers made public comment about concern over the Town’s relationship with Baseline Planning Services.
James Boelens Jr. made public comment to introduce himself as a candidate for the State House D18 Seat.
Shawn Meyers made public comment about Baseline Planning Services and the use of “pass-thru” billing.

6. Public Hearing

At 7:28pm Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing on the appeal of the Planning Commission's variance with conditions. Julie Esterl of Baseline Planning Services presented the same materials as had been presented to the Planning Commission.

Planning Commissioners Blasi & Morales made public comment regarding the validity of their findings when this application was before the Planning Commission. Planning Commissioner Esch also made public comment regarding the decision.

At 8:04 Mayor Dixon closed the public hearing.

At 8:05 Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing for the special events liquor license application at 10734 Ute Pass Ave. The Town Clerk gave a brief timeline of the required postings and notices. The applicant, Jesse Stroope, highlighted details of the event. At 8:07 the public hearing was closed.

At 8:07 Mayor Dixon opened the public hearing for the special events liquor license application at 6690 Lake St. The Town Clerk gave a brief timeline of the required postings and notices. The applicant, Jesse Stroope, highlighted details of the event. At 8:09 the public hearing was closed.

7. Business Items

7a) Appeal of variance at 10565 Foster Ave.

A discussion took place about the appeal which was presented at the corresponding public hearing. Mayor Dixon stated that the Town should reconsider how easements are issued, and the language contained in them. Trustee Bell asked for clarity on the sequence and procedure for obtaining an easement and variance. Trustee Walker voiced concern that the appeal was brought by Staff rather than the applicant. Trustee Walker motioned to reject the appeal, seconded by Trustee Ives. Trustee King abstained from the vote. Mayor Dixon voted to approve the appeal so three aye votes, 1 nay & 1 abstaining. Motion to reject carried.

7a) Special Events Liquor Application- 10734 Ute Pass Ave.

Trustee Bell motioned to approve the application, seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion carried.

7b) Special Events Liquor Application- 6690 Lake St.

Trustee Bell motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Trustee Walker. Motion carried.

7c) Pool Facility Rental Application

The TM presented the request to set a fee for facilities rentals. Since there is no "Pool Facility" cost on the 2024 Fee Schedule, the BoT will have to set the price. The applicant suggested a \$1000 payment. Trustee King motioned to accept the \$1000 price, seconded by Trustee Bell. Motion passed with Trustee Ives recusing from the vote & Trustee Walker voting nay.

******* 7d) COMPLETE TO HERE***** 1:37 on zoom recording**

Katharine Guthrie presented on the music program and the success of the series in years past. Trustee Walker motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Ives. Motion carried.

7e) 4th of July Block Party Application

Jesse Stroope highlighted the proposed event. Trustee Walker motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Ives. Motion carried.

7f) Special Events Application- Blues & Brews

Jesse Stroope presented the event. Trustee Bell motioned to approve, seconded by Trustee Bell. Motion carried.

7g) Keep Green Mountain Falls Beautiful Proclamation

Mayor Dixon stated his hesitancy to commit the Town to the broad language. He supports the concept, but not the language in the proclamation. Trustee Bell posed the question “what’s the difference between a declaration and a proclamation. Trustee Walker stated that he did not consider this to be a declaration. A discussion took place regarding the relationship of the Comprehensive Plan and the Proclamation in question. Trustee Ives didn’t agree that the Proclamation had binding language. Trustee Walker motioned to adopt, seconded by Trustee Ives. Dixon & Bell were no votes. Ives & Walker were yes votes. Motion failed. Mayor Dixon called for an alternative motion. Trustee Bell asked if Walker would redraft. Trustee Walker respectfully declined.

7H) PRTAC Cement Bridge Restoration

Jesse Stroope of PRTAC briefed the Board on the proposed project. Trustee Walker motioned to approve the project, seconded by Trustee bell. Motion carried.

8. Discussion

9. Correspondence

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Adjournment

At 7:58pm Mayor Dixon called to Adjourn the meeting.