



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope (on-line)
Vice Chair Jay Kita
Member Nancy Dixon
Member Dani Hains
Member Mark Scott-Nash

Committee Members Absent

Secretary

Member Nancy Dixon

Trustees Present

Town Staff Present

Town Clerk Woods
PW King-Peters

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 3:03pm by Chair Stroope.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Hains moved to accept the agenda. Kita seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Scott-Nash moved to approve the meeting minutes from August 13, 2025. Hains seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 Minutes per Speaker

Ann Esch thanked the committee for their hard work on the many projects they are doing. She is moving to Iowa for the winter.

Valerie King-Peters, Public Works (PW), was present to answer questions and support.

5. BUSINESS

- a. October 4th is Creek Week Clean Up and Community Work Day. Friends of Ute Pass Trails will be working on the Conn Trail. PW has delivered the rock and road base for use on the Conn Trail. Chair Stroope said the town has letters of support from both the property owners, Katie Davis Gardner and Deanna LeBeau. He emphasized the importance of obtaining permission from land managers. Gardner has asked for a new Conn trail marker to replace the old one. Chair Stroope has designed a sign and it should be ready to install by Oct 4. The following volunteer activities for Oct 4 were decided: Gazebo Park - trim saplings on trees, weeding, Hotel Park - weeding, Squires Park - trim saplings on trees, Pool Park - remove piles of debris by the fence, trim saplings. PW will supply some equipment, committee members will bring some also: loppers, trash bags, wheel barrows, rakes. Dixon has the volunteer waivers.

Dixon will ask the town to contact Earthwise for a complimentary dumpster for

that weekend. Meet at 9am at the Farmstand. There is a wedding scheduled at the Gazebo at 11:30am.

- b. Chair Stroope, through Historic GMF Foundation, is pricing wood materials for the new wayfinding signage and trailhead at Catamount Trail. Don Walker, Friends of Ute Pass Trails, is pricing stakes. Friends has \$2500 budgeted for trail signage. **A reminder by Chair Stroope about committee members assignments for informational narratives on the signs.** A new foot bridge across Crystal is completed but needs wayfinding signage. **Kita will map out where the new signs should go.** Friends will be sending an email recommending names for the bridge. Chair Stroope said that it would need to be Board approved after a recommendation from PRTAC.
- c. Chair Stroope has been working with Earthwise for a new dumpster design with domes that would help relieve the extra hours that PW has been doing to service the old trash receptacles. King-Peters, PW, said she is thankful for a possible new dumpster. She has been told by Earthwise that they can not access a dumpster from Lake St due to traffic. Chair Stroope asked about putting it by the Land Office. King-Peters said that would help. Chair Stroope suggested a sign at the playground trash cans that directs visitors to the other dumpster. Chair Stroope is getting pricing on this new dumpster.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - None

7. REPORTS

Miles Groth's email about the UPES service day on Oct 10th was reviewed. Painting supplies will be from HGMFF. Extra rakes, shovels, buckets will be supplied by the town and volunteers. Hains and Dixon said they will be there to help. Areas for trash will be designated and picked up by volunteer pickups. PW will stage the mulch from chipper days at Gazebo Park to be used on the bank. **Dixon will reply to Groth's email.**

The Friends of Ute Pass Trails August 16th Work Day report on Thomas Trail was shared. Chair Stroope said that a great amount of work is done by the Friends group. Scott-Nash said there is a noticeable difference on the Thomas Trail.

Hains sent the updated Hotel Park planting list to Carla Chapman and Chair Stroope. Chapman recommends that no planting be done this fall and wait until spring. Chair Stroope asked if the committee had seen the new retaining wall on the Anderson Trail. He has reached out to the contractor who installed this wall to do the rock wall on Hotel Park. The consensus of the committee was to use the rock used on the Anderson Trail vs the Manitou Pink stone that is behind town hall. Manitou Pink stone is more labor intensive and therefore more costly to install. There are Pikes Peak Rural Transit Authority (PPRTA) funds that need to be used by the end of this year. The plan is to have the rock wall and social trail (Friends) done this Fall and planting in the Spring along with signage.

Dixon presented the 2025 Trail Ambassador Report. Hikers numbers have been down the past 2 years due to the Catamount Reservoir closure which is to be reopened Spring 2026. She praised her volunteers for continuing to make this program a success.

The Leave No Trace Gold Standard Site application was submitted on Sept 11. Will hear if awarded in 6-8 weeks. The collaboration of HGMFF, Friends, UPES and PRTAC was commended for their work to get this application submitted.

Dixon presented what she had filled out for the ADT Trail Town designation. Unfortunately, there is a snag. The ADT Trail is not on the GMF trail maps. Since this is not a time sensitive project, it will be put on hold until a trail map revision is done.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 4:06pm. Next meeting: October 8 at 3pm.