

GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

June 25, 2020- Zoom- 6 pm

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Sign In, Handouts
2. Roll Call, Introductions
3. Agenda Approval
4. Approve Minutes of June 11, 2020
5. Public Input - Items not on Agenda

6. Mt. Dewey Trail update

7. Ordinance No. 2020-03, Amending Chapter 2 Concerning Boards, Committees, and Commissions

8. **NEXT MEETING-Thurs July 9, 2020- Zoom 6 PM**
9. Adjournment

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For GMF TC Special Meeting Agenda Packet, June 25 2020

A. Email trail related to scheduling the Trails Cmte 'Special Meeting' for June 25th 2020

Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>

5:44 PM (17 minutes ago)

to Angie, gmfnewberry@gmail.com, margaret, Virgil, Rebecca

Thanks Angie,

As mentioned, that may be true. And all the more reason to update our Trails Cmte at the special meeting Thursday evening.

Since i have not received clarification on the Mt Dewey agenda item we will include it as a placeholder in the agenda. If i discover between now and the meeting that it's in the best interest of the Town not to include the discussion, we can certainly move to strike it at the beginning of the Trails Cmte meeting. Our secretary will be in touch with you. Thanks,
Rocco

On Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 5:25 PM Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us> wrote:

Hi Rocco,

Again, we can discuss at your meeting with the Mayor, Virgil, and I.

Thank you,

Angie

From: Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 3:28 PM

To: Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us>

Cc: gmfnewberry@gmail.com; margaret Peterson <gmftrusteepeterson@gmail.com>; Virgil Hodges (Marshal) <marshal@gmfco.us>

Subject: Re: FW: Out of cycle TC meeting

Angie,

That may be true. As we move forward with the agenda I await your clarification on the Mt. Dewey agenda item. Thank-you,

Rocco

On Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 2:32 PM Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us> wrote:

Rocco, we can address all of this in our meeting with the Mayor, Virgil, & I.

Thanks,

Angie

From: Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us>
Cc:
Subject: Re: FW: Out of cycle TC meeting

Thanks for the guidance Angie,
First, we can certainly attach back to you the draft Ordinance that you sent to us for the clerk to include in the packet.

Second, i like that our meeting is considered 'special', we will change accordingly.

Third, i have an update on Mt Dewey. [Redacted by Trails Cmte Chair pending discussion with Mayor and Town Manager]

I hope to provide the Trails Cmte with this update, also (when it happens, hopefully later today) correcting the "All Trails Closed" signage to "Mt. Dewey Trails Closed". Question: does something in the code / statutes prohibit this update? I standby for clarification and appreciate your guidance,
Rocco

On Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 12:53 PM Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us> wrote:
Hi Rocco,

We've reviewed the attached agenda, there are some issues, and we cannot post it as is.

Firstly, it must be properly agendized, with attached packet materials that are listed for review (e.g. the draft ordinance).

Secondly, its not an "out of cycle meeting," it's a "special meeting."

Third, there is not an update on the matters listed, as one has not been provided to you due to the potential legal implications that are still being worked out.

Thank you,
Angie

-----Original Message-----

From: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us>
Subject: FW: Out of cycle TC meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: Rebecca Ochkie <rochkie@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:21 AM

To: Blasi Rocco <rocblasi@gmail.com>; Bratton Dick <trails007@aol.com>; BROWN RICHARD <richardbrown5672@comcast.net>; Eley Jim <gmfg72@gmail.com>; Lohman mike <MPLOHMAN@aol.com>; Smith Jan <jans@erashields.com>; Townsend Lisa <lisatownsend40@yahoo.com>; Walker Don <dcwalker2@sbcglobal.net>; Watling Chris <spacecaptain@protonmail.com>; Schillinger Rob <robschillinger@yahoo.com>; Stroope Jesse <jessestroope@yahoo.com>; Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>

Subject: Out of cycle TC meeting

Hello all- Recent developments have necessitated an out of cycle TC meeting. See you this Thursday evening via Zoom- Rebecca

Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 21, 11:40 AM (1 day ago)

to Rebecca, Dick

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for your work and support during yesterday's trail work day, we done good! As a follow-up, since we couldn't 'meet' formally as a committee, here are the draft agenda items for the out-of-cycle TC meeting for Thursday.

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Items 1-5 per usual (call to order, etc).

Item 6: Mt Dewey Trail update

Item 7: Ordinance No. 2020-03, Amending Chapter 2 Concerning Boards, Committees, and Commissions

11. Next meeting Thursday July 9th, 2020 on Zoom 6 p.m.

Please allow Dick B a little time for comment / suggestions re this draft agenda. Thanks much!
Rocco

B. Email of support from Christian Keesee to Town Manager prior to June 16 2020 Board of Trustees meeting

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: ckk1227@aol.com <ckk1227@aol.com>
To: manager@gmfco.us <manager@gmfco.us>
Cc: lawrence.keigwin@gmail.com <lawrence.keigwin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 10:44:58 AM CDT
Subject: Keesee on Park Ave.

Hello everyone in the town managers office and town council for Green Mountain Falls.

I wanted to reach out and express my dis-taste for the proposed changes to the Trails Committee. The Trails Committee has performed, basically free of charge, superb work on behalf of the citizens, summer residents and visitors of and to Green Mountain Falls.

The people of the trails committee need to be encouraged, not discouraged by town management and council. While things have settled down under Mayor Newberry, historically, there has been nothing but budget cuts, hand-wringing and up-roar at the town management level for many years. During this time, the trails committee forges ahead. It is the longest running committee that has consistently worked together to get things done around our town and to support our towns backspace.

I propose that the volunteer citizens of the Trails Committee be thanked and praised for their hard work in making our town a better place to visit, live and play. The idea of cutting their efforts, enthusiasm and progress, makes no sense and harkens back to a darker day of decision making in our town.

Their work encourages visitors to our town who enjoy our trails, eat in our restaurants, shop in our stores and stay in our lodging.

Please reconsider this ill-proposed proposition.

Thank you,

Christian Keesee

Little Beaver Inn, owner
Outlook Lodge, owner
Green Box Arts Festival, founder
Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation, founder
Owner of residences on Park, Illinois and Mt. Esther Avenues

C. Coordinated Trails Committee Response to Town Manager's request for feedback in support of June 16 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting

Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>
Jun 11, 2020, 10:46 AM (11 days ago)
to Angie, Dick, Rebecca

Hi Angie,
I received TC comments on this administrative proposal via email. What I've provided is the coordinated TC response.

On another note: more SWIFT sawyer work above Hondo today. It's another free day of sawyer qualifications. Thanks,
Rocco Blasi
GMF Trails Committee

On Wed, Jun 10, 2020 at 4:25 PM Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us> wrote:

Hi Rocco,
Did these comments come from a meeting of the Trails Committee? Or are these comments from you as an individual?

Thanks,
Angie

From: Rocco Blasi <rocblasi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us>
Cc: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>; Rebecca Ochkie <ROchkie@gmail.com>; Dick Bratton <trails007@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Ordinance 2020-03 Comments Query

Hi Angie,
Below please find the Trails Committee response to this draft Ordinance. I would also like to be given time for public comment at Tuesday's Board meeting.

The GMF Trails Committee is a model for making a positive community impact at no cost to the taxpayer. This opportunity to collaborate and shape the language affecting our Committee is vital to sustaining our cadre of dedicated volunteers. As currently written, this Ordinance does not provide what has worked well for our group for over a decade. We begin our Trails Committee response to Ordinance 2020-02 with a simple premise: any action considered by Town Staff or Board of Trustees that affects a board, committee or commission will be communicated and coordinated with the affected group. As this is our first chance to comment we offer the following:

- Sec 2-271 "review the... needs of the Town's parks, recreation facilities, and trails..."
Remove trails from this. This violates the "clearer delineation of duties" cited in the very purpose of this Ordinance since the Trails Committee serves this clear, distinct duty.
- Sec 2-280 is factually incorrect: the Town established the Trails Committee 18 August 2009 per Resolution 2009-08.
- Sec 292(a) - 5 members per board, Town residents. We steadfastly oppose shoehorning all groups to fit this arbitrary number. This contradicts Sec 2-272, the 7 member Park and Rec Advisory Committee and Sec 2-280, the 11 member Trails Committee. We recommend Section 2-280 take precedence for Trails. Our strength is in our active numbers and we have never had trouble filling vacancies. Move that "Members shall be qualified residents of the Town; however, if there is insufficient qualified interest in membership expressed by Town residents, the Board may appoint non-residents". We recommend this based on the unique training and hands-on skills acquired through scouting, maintaining and building the Town's hiking trails.
- Sec 2-295 " Officers may serve in an Officer capacity on only one board, committee or commission." We disagree because it may be too limiting. History has proven the pool of people engaged on boards and committees can be quite small, don't tie the hands of your boards by mandating this.
- Sec 2-296 "The Town Manager or Staff Designee will have final authority to establish the agenda". This authority should rest with the Chair of each group, the focal point for that area of expertise. Barring that, "The Chair of each group, in concert with the Town Manager, will establish the agenda." This more accurately reflects business practice in the Town to date.
- Sec 2-296 "The Chair or his or her designee shall serve as the conduit of communication..."
We agree and request that this be applied moving forward (lacking context, many Trails Committee members were caught off-guard by direct email from Town Manager with this draft Ordinance).

Thanks for what you do, respectfully,
Rocco Blasi
GMF Trails Committee

On Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 5:09 PM Angie Sprang <manager@gmfco.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

You are receiving this message as a courtesy, because you are a volunteer member on one of the Town of Green Mountain Falls advisory boards, committees, and/or commissions.

Attached you'll find a draft of "Ordinance No. 2020-02, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code Concerning Boards, Committees, and Commissions,"

If you have any comments for the Trustees regarding the ordinance draft, please email them to me no later than the end of business Wednesday, June 10th, 2020.

Written comments received by the deadline will be compiled and added to the BoT packet for the Tuesday, June 16th meeting; at which, the second reading of the Ordinance will take place.

Respectfully,
Angie

P. Angie Sprang
Town Manager
719.684.9414 ext. 5

TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, the Town desires to update its municipal regarding boards, committees, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the amendments set forth herein will allow for clearer delineation of powers, duties, and authority and greater consistency regarding boards, committees and commissions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS, COLORADO:

Section 1. Article IX of Chapter 2 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX – Planning Commission

Sec. 2-221. - Purpose and creation.

(a) The Town is a rural mountain community in a natural setting characterized by mountainsides, boulders, streams, trees and other flora indigenous to its location, altitude and climate.

(b) Buildings and other improvements within the Town exhibit a prevailing rustic aspect subordinate to the environment. Dwellings designed for single-family residence predominate. Commercial, civic and residential activities are of a service, crafts, professional and recreational nature. It is the purpose of this Article to accomplish the preservation and enhancement of these conditions and qualities. Therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred by state statutes, there is created a Planning Commission for the Town.

Sec. 2-222. - Powers and duties.

(a) The Planning Commission shall have the power and the duty to formulate and approve a Master Plan for the Town, to make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present and future growth of the Town with due regard to its relation to neighboring territories. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, well-adjusted and harmonious development of the Town and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including among other things adequate provision for traffic, beautification, promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and

efficient expenditures of public funds and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements. The Planning Commission shall review all proposed subdivisions, proposed zoning and such other matters relating to planning as is deemed advisable. The decisions of the Planning Commission shall be purely advisory in nature to the Board of Trustees. Upon the final adoption of the Master Plan by the Planning Commission, the same shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for its approval and the Master Plan shall be given primary consideration by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may amend or alter the Master Plan but only after the Planning Commission has had the opportunity to comment upon the proposed amendment. Any deviation from the Master Plan shall be determined to be an amendment to the Plan.

(b) In addition, the Planning Commission shall recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the issuance of building permits which have been properly applied for and are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Town. The Board of Trustees may empower the Planning Commission to grant final approval of building permits under such conditions that it deems to be in the best interests of the Town. The Planning Commission shall have authority to advise the Board of Trustees with regard to determining requirements for the following:

- (1) Public and private parking areas;
- (2) Exterior signs and advertising devices;
- (3) External architectural character of all structures;
- (4) Dimensional criteria for the location and size of structures in relation to property lines and minimum lot areas;
- (5) Subdivisions, street development and water and waste systems.

Sec. 2-223. –Membership.

In addition to the five (5) regular appointed members of the Planning Commission, the Mayor shall serve as an ex officio member of the Planning Commission and shall take part in discussions but shall not vote.

Section 2. Article X of Chapter 2 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE X – Board of Adjustment

Sec. 2-241. – Purpose and creation.

A Board of Adjustment is hereby created to hear and decide appeals from and review any order, requirement, decision or determination made by any administrative official charged with enforcement of this Code.

Section 2-242. – Powers and duties.

(a) The Board of Adjustment may overturn or modify any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official charged with enforcing this Code when it determines that the official incorrectly applied this Code or exceeded his or her authority. In addition, where there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this Code, the Board of Adjustment has the power, in passing upon all appeals, to vary or modify the application of the regulations or provisions of this Code relating to the use, construction or alteration of buildings or structures, or the use of land, so that the spirit of this Code is observed, public safety and welfare secured and substantial justice done.

(b) The concurring vote of four (4) members of the Board of Adjustment shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination of any administrative official, or to decide in favor of the applicant any matter upon which it is required to pass under this Article or to effect any variation of this Article.

Sec. 2-242. - Meetings.

(a) The Board of Adjustment shall meet at the call of the chairman and shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of all appeals.

(b) Public notice conforming to the requirements of Section 2-61 hereof shall be required prior to the hearing of any appeal.

Section 3. Article XII of Chapter 2 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII - Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Sec. 2-270. – Purpose and creation.

The Town's health, welfare, beauty, and economic vitality would best be served if there was more coordination in planning for the maintenance and improvement of its parks, recreation, and trails; therefore, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, a standing committee, is hereby created.

Sec. 2-271. - Powers and duties.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall have the power and duty to formulate and approve a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to review the maintenance and capital needs of the Town's parks, recreation facilities, and trails, to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for additional resources that may be needed to address these needs, and to recommend capital projects that the Town should undertake to improve these facilities. The decision of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall be purely advisory in nature to the Board of Trustees. Upon the final adoption of any new version of the Master Plan by the Committee, the same shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for its approval.

Sec. 2-272. - Membership.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Trustees. All members shall be residents or employees of the Town; however, if there is insufficient interest in membership expressed by Town residents or employees, the Board may appoint non-residents.

Sec. 2-273. - Annual report.

At the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees in February of each year, the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will submit a written report to the Board of Trustees summarizing the work of the Committee during the preceding calendar year.

Section 4. A new Article XIII is hereby added to Chapter 2 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII – Trails Committee

Sec. 2-280. – Purpose and creation.

There is hereby created a Trails Committee, the purpose of which is to advise the Board of Trustees regarding trails in the Town.

Sec. 2-280. – Powers and duties.

(a) The Trails Committee shall study and advise the Board of Trustees regarding trail construction, maintenance, planning and acquisition.

(b) To assist in its work, the Trails Committee will have the authority to solicit donations and carry out fundraising campaigns as approved by the Board of Trustees and in accordance with the Town's Donation Solicitation policy. Any funds donated shall be accepted in accordance with the Town's Donation Acceptance policy and given to the Town Clerk for deposit in a special designated fund maintained for this purpose by the Town.

Sec. 2-280. – Membership.

There shall be eleven (11) members of the Trails Committee who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are eligible to be members of the Trails Committee.

Section 5. A new Article XIV is hereby added to Chapter 2 of the Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIV – Boards, Committees and Commissions

2-290. – Creation.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by state statutes, there is hereby created a planning commission, a board of adjustment, a parks and recreation advisory

committee, and a trails committee, which shall hereinafter for the purposes of this article be referred to as "boards, committees, and commissions" or "board, committee or commission." All boards, committees, and commissions shall act in a purely advisory role to Board of Trustees unless expressly stated otherwise in this Code or statute.

2-291. – Applicability.

The provisions of this title shall apply to all boards, committees, and commissions except when specified otherwise in the section specifically addressing each individual board, committee, or commission.

2-292. – Members and alternates; appointments and requirements.

(a) All members of any board, committee, or commission shall be residents of the Town and shall be appointed by Board of Trustees. In making appointments, the Board of Trustees shall strive to select members representative of all community demographic and stakeholder groups. If any member ceases to reside in the Town, membership shall immediately terminate. All boards, committees, and commissions shall consist of five voting members. No member of the Board of Trustees and no Town employee shall serve as a member of a board, committee, or commission other than the one ex-officio position for the Mayor on the Planning Commission.

(b) The Board of Trustees may appoint alternate members to any board, committee, or commission, not to exceed three alternate members. Alternates are invited and requested to attend all meetings of the board, committee, or commission, but are not required to do so. Alternate members may take part in the discussion of any matter that comes before a board, committees, or commission, except for quasi-judicial matters, in which they may not participate unless they have been appointed in the place of an absent member. An alternate member may not vote on any matter unless designated to do so by the chairperson of the board, committee, or commission, in place of an absent member.

(c) Member Resignation. The chair shall inform the Town Clerk in writing within one week of any member's resignation.

(d) Persons interested in becoming members shall complete and submit an application in accordance with the Town's Policy on advisory Committees, Appointments to Outside Agencies, and Volunteers.

2-293. – Terms of office and appointment.

Appointments to all boards, committees, and commissions shall be made by the Board of Trustees for three (3) year terms. Members shall serve without compensation. For newly established boards, commissions or committees, the initial terms of any membership shall be as follows: Two members shall be

appointed to a one-year term, two members shall be appointed to a two-year term, and one member shall be appointed to a one-year term. Thereafter, as the terms expire, all appointments shall be for a period of four years. Any members whose term expires may seek reappointment. Term limits shall not apply.

2-294. – Quasi-judicial hearings.

In any quasi-judicial or public hearing held before any board, committee, or commission, all evidence and testimony shall be presented publicly. The commission may use its expertise, technical competence, and specialized knowledge in evaluating evidence presented to it and shall have the power to weigh any evidence accordingly.

2-295. – Officer positions.

Each board, committee and commission shall appoint a chair and vice-chair annually during the first meeting of each calendar year. Each board, committee and commission shall appoint a secretary who may in turn designate duties for notetaking to another member on a meeting by meeting basis. Each board, committee or commission shall operate in accordance with the rules of procedure in Section 2-296. The board, committee or commission Chair will notify the Town Clerk in writing within one week post-election the names of officers. Officers may serve in an Officer capacity on only one board, committee or commission.

2-296. – Rules of procedure.

Each board, committee and commission shall hold all meetings open to the public, after posting full and timely notice of date, time, place, and subject matter of the meeting at the Town's designated posting locations, and provide an opportunity for public comment at the meeting. Full and timely notice shall be deemed to be at least twenty four (24) hours prior to the date and time of the meeting. All boards, committees, and commissions shall meet regularly at least once each month, except when a quorum is not available, or there is no business to address. Each board, committee, or commission's secretary shall keep minutes of its meetings and records of its transactions, which are to be made publicly available by posting on the Town webpage. If the secretary is not a Green Mountain Falls Staff member, the minutes will be forwarded to the Town Clerk. Additional meetings may be called by the chairperson, any four members or the Town Manager with at least twenty four (24) hours' written notice. The Town Manager or Staff Designee will have final authority to establish the agenda, but will collaborate with Advisory Board members and staff in its development. The Chair or his or her designee shall serve as the conduit of communication between the board, committee, or commission and the staff liaison. A majority of the appointed non-vacant seats shall constitute a quorum.

2-297. – Authority.

(a) Boards, committees, and commissions shall exercise their authority and shall be accountable in alignment with the Board of Trustees' goals as set by Board of Trustees, and with other Board of Trustees adopted rules or regulations. Unless otherwise provided by law, no board, committee, or commission, and no member of any board, committees, or commission shall have authority to act on behalf of the Town, including without limitation approving contracts, negotiating deals, spending or allocating Town funds, and negotiating transactions involving real or personal property. Town boards, committees, and commissions may, however, represent the interests of the Town of Green Mountain Falls provided they do not legally bind the Town to any position or action.

(b) In collaboration with Town staff, each board, committee, and commission shall submit an annual budget to Board of Trustees, which furthers the accomplishment of that plan. Once funding has been approved through the budgeting process, each board, committee, and commission may offer recommendations to the Town staff on the expenditure of those funds.

(c) No board, committees, or commission and no member of any board, committee, or commission shall have the authority to direct any Town employee or to make operational decisions for the Town.

2-298. – Recommendations to Board of Trustees.

Each board, committee, and commission shall deliver recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning its budget provisions and other matters within its purview from time to time as directed by the Trustees, or as initiated by the board, committee, and commission. Board of Trustees may provide direction to boards, committees, and commissions regarding specific matters upon which the Board of Trustees desires boards, committees, and commissions to investigate and provide recommendations. Boards, committees, and commissions shall follow such direction and provide their recommendations to Board of Trustees via the means directed by the Board of Trustees.

2-299. – Removal.

(a) Grounds for removal. The Board of Trustees, by majority vote of members in attendance, may remove any member for a conflict of interest violation, any other violation of applicable law, regulation, or policy, nonattendance to duty, failure to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without a leave of absence approved by a majority of the board, committee, or commission, or any other good cause. The Board of Trustees shall fill any vacancy for the remainder of the vacated position's term. If there is less than one year remaining on the term, a person may, but need not, be appointed to fill the remainder of that term and the next full term.

(b) Good cause. For purposes of this Section, "good cause" shall include without limitation, conviction of a crime other than a minor traffic or

similar minor offense, any activity the Board of Trustees determines is contrary to the Town's best interests or reflects negatively on the Town's image and reputation, such as rude behavior, harassment, or threats directed towards Town employees, the public, contractors, consultants, or other individuals, or acting beyond the scope of his or her authority. To constitute good cause, such activity need not occur when the individual is acting in his or her capacity as a member of a board, committee, or commission.

(c) Procedure. The following procedure shall be followed to remove a member of a board, committee or commission:

(1) A request for removal shall be delivered to the Town Clerk's Office. A request for removal shall state in writing the basis for removing a member, and may only be delivered by one or more Board of Trustees members (including the Mayor). The Board of Trustees may request input from the pertinent board, committee or commission prior to considering removal of a member.

(2) Upon receipt of a petition for removal, the Board of Trustees shall meet in public session to discuss whether the petition sets forth sufficient grounds to consider removal. The affected member may respond. The Board of Trustees may permit the admission of such additional evidence or third-party testimony as they deem reasonable and relevant, provided that this process shall be administrative in nature and reasonable limitations may be imposed on the presentative of such evidence and testimony by the Board of Trustees.

(3) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Trustees shall render a decision, which shall be reduced to writing and approved at a subsequent Board of Trustees meeting.

2-300. – Staff liaison role.

The Town Manager may assign Town personnel to assist boards, committees, and commissions with budget proposals or any other duties as is necessary for the boards, committees, or commissions to adequately perform their functions.

2-301. – Subcommittees.

From time to time, each board, committee, or commission may establish temporary or standing sub-committees. No action may be taken by the subcommittee without authorization by the full board, committee, or commission. All subcommittee recommendations must be submitted to the appropriate board, committee, or commission prior to being presented to Board of Trustees.

2-302. – Remote participation.

Members of any board, committee, or commission may participate in meetings remotely, and any remote participation shall be pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees, as they may be amended.

Section 6. Safety Clause. The Board of Trustees hereby finds, determines and declares that this Ordinance is promulgated under the general police power of the Town of Green Mountain Falls, that it is promulgated for the health, safety and welfare of the public and that this Ordinance is necessary for the preservation of health and safety and for the protection of public convenience and welfare. The Board of Trustees further determines that this Ordinance bears a rational relation to the proper legislative object sought to be attained.

Section 7. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction invalid, such judgment shall not affect application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after passage.

INTRODUCED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED the 2nd day of June, 2020, at the Green Mountain Falls Town Hall, 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road, Green Mountain Falls, Colorado.

ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED the ___ day of _____, 2020.

Jane Newberry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nathan Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Published in the Pike Peaks Courier, _____2020.