



MANAGER UPDATE

Meeting Date: 8/26/2024

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees
From: Guy Patterson, Town Manager

Snowmobile Meetings

On August 13, Trustee Sobon and I met to review snowmobile issues in town and the area. On a site tour, we identified a particularly tricky section of connection trail on CR 492. The issue is that sometimes the County plows the entire section of road down to ground level removing snowpack needed by snowmobilers to make the road passable to access Federal lands. On August 19, Trustee Sobon and I met with Commissioner Linke to discuss this issue. The result was Commissioner Linke would discuss with County Road and Bridge the importance of plowing this section of county road in a manner that facilitates snowmobiling activities as well as ensures the ability for emergency equipment to pass and residents to get to their home. Snowmobiling is obviously critical to the winter economy of Grand Lake. While an easy answer might have been to simply call county road and bridge, we felt it important to work with county leadership to protect our winter economic viability.

RMNP Superintendent Meeting

On August 14th, administration met with Gary Ingram, the Superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park. The meeting was to introduce each other. We will be planning more “touch base” meetings in the future as time, necessity and accessibility allow.

Contractor Complaints/Emergency Response

During the week of August 11th, administration received several complaints from a citizen regarding infrastructure work being performed by a neighbor. The root of the complaints was the citizen felt that emergency services could not reach them in case of an emergency. Administration reached out to Dan Mayer, the Grand Lake Fire Protection District Fire Marshal to inform them of the complaints. On his own initiative, he visited the site in question. He informed administration that, indeed, while an ambulance might have been able to make it through, fire apparatus would not have been able to reach the residences in the area. He also informed administration that neither he nor the Fire Chief was aware of the situation on the ground.

The Town of Grand Lake has several rights-of-way that can sometimes be difficult to navigate due to width, steepness, etc. When construction work is performed in, or near, the Town's right-of-way, it can impede the response of those responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens. To this end, the Fire District and the Town are going to sit together to work out a system by which emergency services are made aware of potential issues. Administration will report back to this Board when these protocols have been established.

Code Enforcement Exit Interview

Mr. Dafoe has announced his retirement from the code enforcement position effective August 21, 2024. This is a difficult position he performed admirably and professionally. Administration met with him for an exit interview and discussed numerous topics. For the time being, the Town Manager will take over duties until new code enforcement employee can be found.

This leads to another issue in terms of the Town performing adequate enforcement of its codes. Namely, in the opinion of administration, the Town would be prudent to look into standing up a municipal court as detailed in Chapter 5 of the Grand Lake municipal code.

Meeting with Chief St. Germain

On August 15th, Town administration met with Grand Lake Fire District Chief St. Germain. To that point, we had been unable to mesh schedules. It was a productive meeting that will bear fruit in the future. It's important the District and the Town have open and honest communications in order to both better serve our citizens.

CML District 12 Meeting

Registration for the CML District 12 Meeting is now open. This year's meeting is hosted by the Town of Kremmling at the 1881 Tavern on Wednesday, September 25 beginning at 5 p.m. with a social hour followed by a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. As a member you are welcome to participate in any district meeting that interests you or fits your schedule. RSVP for the Fall District 12 Meeting. The cost of the dinner is \$20 and payment will need to be sent to the Town of Kremmling. Please RSVP to the Town manager by September 17th.

Town Attorney RFP

The Town has received more than one proposal for town attorney services. Proposal submission deadline is August 23 at 4:30pm. The proposals will be reviewed by Town staff for proposal completeness. Proposals will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and to arrange interviews as they see fit. A copy of the RFP is available here: <https://www.townofgrandlake.com/administration/page/request-proposals-town-attorney-services>

Additional Information

Management will verbally update the Board if any items of concern/interest arise between the posting of the agenda and the Trustee regular meeting.