



Blue River Open Space & Trails Committee
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

The Open Space & Trails Committee meeting was held In-Person and via Zoom. The public was invited to attend.

Mission Statement

To assist the Board of Trustees with determining possible trail projects mainly geared towards enhancement of existing trails and possible future trails within the Town of Blue River

Committee Members attending in Person: Chair Wiley Asher, Co-Chair Paul Semmer, Eric Hann, Adrienne Stuckey.

Committee Members attending via Zoom: Bob Rehor

Also in attendance in Person: Board Liaison – Trustee Joel Dixon; Trustee Ted Slaughter; Deputy Clerk John DeBee

Excused: Joe Hamlet, Ben Kadlec, Ron Sosnowski

Absent:

- I. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call; Upon completion of the Roll Call – member Stuckey arrived at 6:10.
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - A Motion was made by Co-Chair Semmer to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Hann. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from July 2022 meeting.
 - A Motion was made by Member Hann to approve the Minutes. This motion was seconded by Co-Chair Semmer after discussion of the 2021 public policy as well as the Memo to the Committee dated August 5, 2022 from the Town Manager. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Public Comments
 - Trustee Slaughter addressed the issue of an individual(s) that have spray painted trail markings on trees along the trail that runs on the east side of Blue River adjacent to

the National Forest Service and Blue River property owners. The trail markings painted on the trees were blue dots approximately 3” in diameter beginning at approximately Pennsylvania Creek Trl. and continue south of Blue River. This will be discussed further in the Open Space and Management Activities below.

- Former Trustee Dan Cleary along with the Boy Scout Troop 187 and their Parents were in attendance to discuss projects the Boy Scouts are ready, willing and able to perform for the Town. This will be discussed further in the Open Space and Management Activities below.

VI. Open Space Management Activities

- Report from Trustee Liaison Dixon
 - The Committee received a Report from Trustee Dixon concerning the Committee’s presentation and recommendation to the Board of Trustees at the July Trustees meeting.
 - The Committee then addressed the Town of Blue River Open Space and Trails Committee Mission Statement. The Committee would like to present to the Board of Trustees a change in the Mission Statement. If approved, the new Mission Statement would be as follows:
 - *To assist the Board of Trustees towards the implementation of the Town of Blue River Open Space and Trails Plan adopted on July 19, 2022.*

This will be presented to the Board by Trustee Liaison Dixon at the August 16, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting for their approval.

- Open Space and Trails Plan Implementation Strategy.
 - The Committee began the discussion concerning their ability to enter in Executive Session to address an interest in a particular parcel(s). It was noted the issue of entering in an Executive session has been addressed in the memo from the Town Manager to the Committee dated August 5, 2022. Further discussion involved an Executive session is the determination of the Board of Trustees and the Committee’s focus is to make a presentation to the Board which includes the Committee’s recommendation for an interest in a parcel.
 - The discussion also included prioritizing the Map in sections from North to South for possible interests in parcel(s) to present to the Board.
 - Co-Chair Semmer noted on August 23, 2022, Summit County will be adopting their Open Space & Trails map at a joint meeting with the Town of Breckenridge and Blue River in regards to developing a business plan

regarding the Royal Placer, Lots 92 and 97 in Sherwood and the Town of Breckenridge.

- Open Space and Trails Projects and Management activities.
 - A presentation was offered by Boy Scouts Troop 187 regarding possible projects the Troop is available to complete. This discussion included:
 - The Calle DePlata access to Fredonia Gulch Road easement trail maintenance.
 - Weed maintenance at the Town Park along with Town Hall.
 - The issue of the “Blue Dots” which a particular unknown individual(s) has spray painted on the trail that runs on the east side of Blue River adjacent to the National Forest Service and Blue River property owners. The markings begin approximately at the Pennsylvania Creek Trail to south of Blue River.
 - The rock wall along Town Hall may need some minor maintenance after years of normal snow push back from the winter snowplow Contractor.

VII. Announcements

- None

VIII. Adjourn

- A Motion was made by Member Stuckey to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Member Hann. The motion passed unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

IX. Next meeting – September 13, 2022