



Blue River Open Space & Trails Committee

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom.

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

Mark Fossett, Chair; Wiley Asher; Joel Dixon; Ben Kadlec; Matt Parker; Bob Rehor; Paul Semmer; Ron Sosnowski; Adrienne Stuckey.

Also present: Brian Lorsch, Summit County Open Space; Anne Lowe, Breckenridge Open Space & Trails and Town Manager/Clerk Michelle Eddy.

I. Breckenridge & Summit County

- Chair Fossett welcomed new member Bob Rehor.
- Chair Fossett noted that Wiley and Ben have been working on the development of a map. It has been started and a .gis map was uploaded to the Drop Box folder.
- Chair Fossett introduced Brian Lorsch with Summit County Open Space and Anne Lowe with Breckenridge Open Space & Trails.
- The night's discussion was centered the goals of Breckenridge and Summit County and how Blue River fits in.
- Brian stated excitement to see the committee in place and the work the group has started. He reviewed what the County accomplished and worked on over the last several years. He noted that both the County and Breckenridge are going through a master planning process. He noted they have \$1.25 a year to spend yearly and actively reach out to property owners for purchase.
- Anne provided information on how Breckenridge operates and the focus of trails and open space even outside of town limits. She noted since the pandemic there is a surge in trail use so Breckenridge is focused on addressing the demand and stresses on the community.
- Discussion that everyone is feeling the increase in visitors to the trails.
- Discussion of how Summit County classifies land purchased and planned uses.
- Discussion of tools and tips for obtaining easements.
- Discussion of funding and communications to obtain land/easements.

II. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- III. Next Meeting, June 8, 2021
- Meeting will be at Town Hall. Masks will be required when not seated or in cases where distancing cannot be achieved.