



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 2023

**September 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM
0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

MINUTES

The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom.

The Zoom link is available on the Town website:

<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>

Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.

5:00 PM WORK SESSION:

Mayor Babich called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Representatives from Muller Engineering presented the draft digital mapping project to the Trustees and Open Space & Trails Advisory Committee.

The map shared displayed the different layers available for trails; wetlands; subdivisions; and discussed options. The map displayed was the public facing interactive map. Jason Campbell with Muller Engineering reviewed the options and functionality for the group.

Jason noted they are working on digitizing the platted easements as well. The next steps will be to identify staff versus public facing version. It will be decided what to have available to the public and what will be used on the staff level for planning purposes. Jason noted some clean up and aesthetics will be added including adding structures that are on sites to understand where items may go.

Discussion that the mapping is looking good and very useful. Discussion of additional layers that could be added.

Paul Semmer-Open Space & Trails noted it was looking good and that it would be beneficial to see where structures exist. He recommended to have potential trails available at the staff level and not public. He recommended that the trails be labeled as "potential" trails.

Jason noted that the public versus staff level will be different.

Mayor Babich remarked Muller will work on completing the mapping and then it will be available to view and interact with. Jason noted there are couple of items to clarify. Suggestion to bring back to the Trails Committee in November. Town Manager Eddy will follow up with Paul Semmer on clarifying questions.

Update from Muller Engineering on the Spruce Creek Road project.

Representatives from Muller Engineering provided a project update. It was noted that the light version was determined to be too light, and the heavy version was too heavy, so the presentation was focused on a middle ground option.

Jeff Wulliman, Muller Engineering discussed the suggestions. Safety: addressing the approach to Highway 9; speeding; dust. Maintenance: grading; drainage; and long-term maintenance. He reviewed the scopes light and heavy and challenges with both. In reviewing a potential middle ground avoids changes at Gold Nugget pinch-point, and triggering walls. Focus is on the approach to Highway 9 and remains within the Town sphere of influence: Highway 9 adjustments; sight distance improvements; and community collaboration. The proposed design focuses on the approach profile to Highway 9. Additional suggestions are signage along Highway 9 to improve the intersection, review drainage improvement at Spruce Creek and Crown.

Discussion and review of the proposed profile. Noted the major work would be the first 50' from the highway. The engineers have developed options for treatments: Earth bind; or dust palliatives and stabilization. The Mayor asked resident Barrie Stimpson about the product application conducted this year. Barrie noted that it was still dusty, and the structure still didn't hold with the wash

boards. Discussion that it did help but not much different. Discussion on whether or not the regrade would help. The engineers will work with their geologist Yea about additional ideas.

Discussion of the paving the 50' from the highway. Noted that it may not fix the issue and it is still an apron that will have material coming from the dirt road above it. Jeff noted that if there is better binding with the gravel it will assist with this issue in addition adding a transition treatment. He noted it is easier to clear on asphalt.

The engineers reviewed traffic calming measures and data in conjunction with the Town Traffic Calming Policy. They are researching signage and other ideas to reduce the free-flowing speeding through the area. Town Manager Eddy is working to gather 2023 data. Discussion in general the current direction is recommended to keep moving forward on.

6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING:

Mayor Babich opened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:10 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Toby Babich

Trustee Joel Dixon

Trustee Noah Hopkins

Trustee Ted Pilling

Trustee Ted Slaughter

Excused

Trustee Kelly Finley

Trustee Mark Fossett

Also present: Town Manager Michelle Eddy; Attorney Widner was excused.

II. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Trustee Pilling, Seconded by Trustee Slaughter to approve the consent agenda. Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Dixon, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Minutes for August 15, 2023

B. Approval of Bills-\$39,395.40

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO TRUSTEES

Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only- 3-minute limit please). Any written communications are included in the packet.

Paul Semmer-Blue Grouse commented on the proposed Resolution 2023-04.

Barrie Stimpson-Spruce Creek Road spoke about Spruce Creek Road. He remarked on his concerns and thoughts on the project.

Dan Cleary-Rustic Terrace spoke about the possibility of recycled asphalt. He also commented on the right-of-way mitigation presentation and proposed project. He noted a concern of what is determined to be a prescriptive right-of-way.

IV. RESOLUTIONS

C. Resolution 2023-04 Trail Signage Policies

Mayor Babich noted this was presented in August and it is copy/pasted directed from the Trails Master Plan. He noted the adopted document is an advisory document and not necessary every element as it is an advisory document. He remarked that the reason for this special policy and resolution to take formal action and solidify what is expected moving forward. This will be the same process for different sections and items moving forward.

Trustee Dixon asked if the policy is too ambiguous for interpretation. He asked if the Trails Committee should review and provide their input beyond the plan before adopting the policy. Mayor Babich replied that it is necessary for flexibility.

Discussion that the document should be followed as it's written or clarify language prior to interpretation. Mayor Babich reiterated that the document is advisory and not a governing document. He recommended the Trustees need to regather and review the document and determine the Trails Advisory's role. Discussion that the process moving forward is being laid out and how the policy is presented is what is needed. Mayor Babich asked that if the Committee has recommendations for changes in the future they should bring them forward.

Discussion by Trustee Hopkins and Slaughter that the policy could use additional clarification. Trustee Pilling didn't feel it needed additional clarification.

Trustee Dixon he is not in favor of the resolution and policy as it stands and feels there needs to be expanded on before being adopted.

Mayor Babich tabled the resolution for further discussion.

D. Resolution 2023-05 Road Maintenance Request Policy

Mayor Babich reviewed the proposed policy and reason for implementation.

Trustee Dixon stated he is not in favor of the road maintenance policy and feels residents should be able to have direct access to the contractors.

Trustee Pilling commented the policy is to formalize the process.

Discussion that it doesn't prevent contact with contractors but gives a path for filing a request.

Motion made by Trustee Hopkins, Seconded by Trustee Pilling to approve Resolution 2023-05 Road Maintenance Policy. Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Dixon, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Trustee Dixon commented on roads, weeds, clogged culverts throughout town, permits, lack of landscaping and issues throughout town and lack of follow through by the town. He noted he doesn't feel enough is being done and lack of attention to detail by staff. Manager Eddy noted culverts are planned to be cleared in the fall as part of the fall preparation.

Trustee Slaughter noted there was a lot for the contractor to accomplish and in the future culverts should be cleared in the spring and fall.

Suggestion to have code established with fines for landscaping post construction. Meeting was briefly paused at 7:15 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

V. REPORTS

E. Mayor

No Report

F. i. **Citizen Advisory Committee** - Trustee Finley-no report.

ii. Open Space and Trails Committee - Trustee Dixon-nothing additional. Mayor Babich noted the Committee is requested to review the signage policy and provide recommendations.

iii. Planning and Zoning - Trustee Hopkins-reported there was one project approved.

iv. Transit Authority - Trustee Pilling-reported micro transit is being evaluated and they are only four drivers down.

v. Wildfire Council - Trustee Slaughter reported there is a meeting next week. The next field trip will be October 4th.

vi. Roads - Trustee Fossett-no report.

G. Attorney

No report.

H. Staff Reports

Manager Eddy discussed camping and the potential of a more clarified ordinance around camping. Discussion to bring it forward in October.

Manager Eddy noted the Town is taking the lead and applying for a broadband grant from the Colorado Broadband Office in the amount of \$7 million. She noted a need for formal approval to apply for the grant.

Motion made by Trustee Pilling, Seconded by Trustee Hopkins to allow the Town Manager to apply for a grant to the Colorado Broadband Office. Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Dixon, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Trustee Slaughter, Seconded by Trustee Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Voting Yea: Mayor Babich, Trustee Dixon, Trustee Hopkins, Trustee Pilling, Trustee Slaughter. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING -

October 18, 2023

Reports from the Town Manager, Mayor and Trustees; Scheduled Meetings and other matters are topics listed on the Regular Trustees Agenda. If time permits at the work session, the Mayor and Trustees may discuss these items. The Board of Trustees may make a Final Decision on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of whether it is listed as an action item.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michelle Eddy, MMC

Town Clerk