



# GRAND LAKE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP AND MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 28, 2025, at 6: PM

Town Hall Board Room – 1026 Park Avenue

*The Town of Grand Lake upholds the Six Pillars of Character:  
Citizenship, Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness and Caring*

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## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Bergquist called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bergquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3. Announcements

Mayor Bergquist requested that all cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

## 4. Roll Call

Mayor Bergquist, Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon, Trustees Arntson, Causseaux, Miller, Mills, Schoenherr, Town Manager Kudron, and Town Clerk Carrell were present.

## 5. Conflicts of Interest

None.

## 6. Manager's Report

### Space to Create Grand Lake Fundraising Campaign

With more than 90% funding complete, the Grand Lake Creative District will be hosting several small themed get togethers to raise the final funds required to complete the project. Spread the word and let's get Space to Create over the finish line! We are working hard to schedule additional small group parties, that we are calling "party with a purpose". The idea is that we identify small groups or clubs that are already connected with each other and see if they would let us come to their party to present and contribute to Space to Create. For more information on hosting a Party with a Purpose get together, naming rights and other funding opportunities, reach out to DiAnn Butler at:

[dbutler@co.grand.co.us](mailto:dbutler@co.grand.co.us).

### Grand Lake Marquee is getting the Finishing Touches

The Town's Marquee reached a significant milestone with the completion of the sculpture. The actual marquee signage is in final design, and we are hoping for a Labor Day completion. This will include animal sponsor recognition and partner badges. The Cougar is still available for a sponsorship of \$8000.

### Wi-Fi upgrades to Town Square Park

Using budgeted park improvement funds, the Town completed upgrades that allow secure Wi-Fi access at the Heckert Pavilion and Town Park Gazebo. These

improvements will improve our capacity to work with partners such as KFFR radio live events such as the Wednesday Concert in the Park on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, fundraisers and special events.

#### Pirate Ducky Flotilla

On July 18, 2025, the Colorado AeroLab summer camp kids participated in a Pirate Rubber Ducky Flotilla. What started as a fun idea for summer camp turned into a fantastic event at the Town Marina. Several comments were made on what great energy and fun was created at the Headwaters Marina. The Town's office staff, public works and GLC staff all entered the business quacks contest. The participants were even treated to an unannounced flyover!

#### Upcoming Event Highlights

7/30 & 8/6 2025 – Summer Concert Series in Town Square Park

8/1/2025 - Colorado Day at the Kauffman House – Discounted Admission all day

7/29/25 to 8/5/25 – Grand Lake Yacht Club Regatta Week

*For all the great events happening in Grand Lake as well as Rocky Mountain Folk School classes, check out the July newsletter on the Town's website.*

Next Board Meeting August 11, 2025

### **7. Public Comments (Limited to 3 Minutes)**

Alexander Thompson, 508 Cairns- First, thanked the Board for standing firm on the variances for the lakefront development, especially the height restrictions. Mr. Thompson has known about the project but only recently saw the original renderings, it was tough to imagine how much it would change the lakefront and the town's character. He understands development is necessary, but appreciates the Board ensuring it aligns thoughtfully with the town's priorities.

Second, thanked the Board for moving forward with the Space to Create project. Mr. Thompson has spoken with the creative district and believe it's an exciting, forward-looking initiative that will bring vitality and new opportunities to Grand Lake.

Lastly, regarding the invasive weed problem, he's pulled a lot of chamomile this summer and am curious about what's already being done, especially in communication with business owners along the boardwalk. Mr. Thompson knows private property owners have responsibilities but wonders if there's a task force or plan in place. If not, he'd be willing to help and share the work he's done. As a gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park, we have a responsibility to address this issue, especially since invasive species are already impacting the park and its workforce. Mr. Thompson hopes Grand Lake can do more on this front, and is happy to assist however he can.

**8. Consent Agenda**

**A. Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2025**

**B. Meeting Minutes: June 23, 2025**

**C. Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2025**

**D. Accounts Payable: July 28, 2025**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon motioned to approve the consent agenda for July 28, 2025. Trustee Miller seconded the motion, and Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote.

<b>Trustee Miller</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Causseaux</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Schoenherr</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Mills</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Bergquist</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**9. Financial Review**

Presented by Manager Kudron.

**10. Items of Discussion**

**A. QUASI JUDICIAL (PUBLIC HEARING) Consideration to Approve a Special Event Liquor Permit Application & Resolution 33-2025, a Resolution Setting Certain Fees for a Special Event Liquor Permit for Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce Special Event, "Buffalo Days", on August 16, 2025, From 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Town Park, Located at 1026 Park Avenue**

Presented by Town Clerk Carrell.

Mayor Bergquist opened the public hearing.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Bergquist closed the public hearing.

Trustee Causseaux made a motion to approve a special event liquor permit application and Resolution 33-2025, setting certain fees for a special event liquor license for Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce Special Event, "Buffalo Days on August 16, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Town Park, located at 1026 Park Avenue. Trustee Mills seconded the motion, and Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote.

<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Mills</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Schoenherr</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Causseaux</b>	<b>Aye</b>

<b>Trustee Miller</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Bergquist</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**B. QUASI JUDICIAL (PUBLIC HEARING) Consideration to Approve a Special Event Liquor Permit Application & Resolution 34-2025, a Resolution Setting Certain Fees for a Special Event Liquor Permit for Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce Special Event, "Buffalo Days", on August 16, 2025, From 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM at Gene Stover Lakefront Park, Located at 1101 Lake Avenue**

Presented by Town Clerk Carrell.

Mayor Bergquist opened the public hearing.

No public comment was made.

Mayor Bergquist closed the public hearing.

Trustee Causseaux made a motion to approve a special event liquor permit application and Resolution 34-2025, setting certain fees for a special event liquor license for Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce Special Event, "Buffalo Days on August 16, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM at Gene Stover Lakefront Park, located at 1101 Lake Avenue. Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon seconded the motion, and Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote.

<b>Trustee Schoenherr</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Miller</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Mills</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Causseaux</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Bergquist</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**C. QUASI JUDICIAL (PUBLIC HEARING) Special Use Permit & Special Event Permit approval needed for: Camping, Parking and Noise Ordinances for the Colorado Headwater Festival, July 9-12, 2026.**

Presented by Code Enforcement Kracke.

Trustee Arntson made a motion to approve RV Camping at the East Inlet. Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon seconded the motion, and Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote.

<b>Trustee Schonherr</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Mills</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Miller</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Causseaux</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Bergquist</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Trustee Causseaux made a motion to approve camping on the baseball fields and overflow camping parking at Mary Drive. Trustee Mills seconded the motion, and Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote.

<b>Trustee Miller</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Mills</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Schoenherr</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Causseaux</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Bergquist</b>	<b>Nay</b>

Trustee Causseaux made a motion to approve a special use permit for camping on the Cairns property. Trustee Arntson seconded the motion, and Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote.

<b>Trustee Miller</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Trustee Arntson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Mills</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Trustee Schoenherr</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Trustee Causseaux</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon</b>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mayor Bergquist</b>	<b>Nay</b>

**D. Space to Create Capital & Operating Financials**  
Presented by Manager Kudron.

**11. Future Items for Consideration**

- Space to Create
- Chamber of Commerce
- Forest Service Update
- Budget Retreat

**12. Mayor's Report**

Town Manager Kudron shared an email:

We received a request from someone asking about their great grand aunt, who was placed in the Grand Lake cemetery. Thanks to our new system, Alayna was able to tell Steven that his great aunt was buried there in 1927. Steven was excited and shared some information about Ada Valentine Johnston. Ada was born on February 14, 1894—hence her middle name Valentine—and was the half-sister of the requester's great grandmother. She was born in Nebraska, one of ten siblings, and later moved to eastern Colorado with her first husband, Willis. They had a 660-acre homestead and two children.

Ada and Willis later moved to Elizabeth, Colorado, and divorced in 1922, the only one of her siblings to do so. Ada remarried seven weeks later to Paul

Johnston, who had a nearby homestead in Grand County. Ada died near Grand Lake on May 10, 1927, at just 33 years old. She had four children in total, two from each marriage. The younger children stayed in Colorado, eventually moving away from Grand County.

Steven shared that his visit to Grand Lake was wonderful. He found the cemetery beautiful and well-kept, with amazing views and rich local history. He placed a small heart-shaped stone on Ada's headstone as a tribute to her Valentine's Day middle name. He was impressed that her headstone is still in excellent condition after nearly 98 years. Steven had a lovely stay in the charming town and appreciated the help he received.

**13. Adjourn Meeting**

Mayor Pro-Tem Sobon moved to adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Causseaux seconded. Town Clerk Carrell called for a vote; all were in favor.

This meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

(Attest)

  
Alayna Carrell, Town Clerk



  
Christina Bergquist, Mayor