

Friends of Twin Lakes membership meeting
September 12, 2020

Meeting began at 9:00 a.m. Virtual meeting was conducted via Zoom. Audio of meeting is available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hn2EDUDRk7TuPO4Yf5wWhMtKyy3ezEUK/view?usp=sharing>

Board of Directors: Present: Kelly Sweeney, President; Kurt Schweigert, VP/Treasurer; Beth Manning, Secretary; Larry Marcum, and Susie Ramsdell, at large directors.

Update on fire station 2 by commissioner Marcella:

- General contractor under way.
- Awaiting reports from Structural Engineer.
- Building permit and requirements were worked out.
- Start of construction late fall early spring.
- Chris Floyd addressed finalizing contract issue.
- Well is ready to be drilled on the northwest corner of fire station for water line (weather has prevented drilling).

Commissioner Marcella updated membership on business advocacy group

- Supplies hand sanitizers and masks if needed. Google to get form so group can track what they have distributed.
- Link for request form:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFMo0WT-sBOH4l4uoRdPcEwCOIvl0owwpYpJDbejtQnZzkjQ/viewform>

Regular Agenda.

1. Status of funds. Account information September 7, 2020 balances:

- Operating Account: \$14,028.95 (\$1,788.36 garbage account balance — we have gone to weekly garbage pickup, so remember to mail your checks contributing to pay for bins to 231 Lang St., Twin Lakes, CO 81251, or arrange for their pick up/drop off, odr use the dropdown on the Donate Now page <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/donate-now/>).
 - REMINDER: No construction garbage, furniture, or bedding -- just normal household garbage, please break down any boxes -- \$5 per garden bag or \$5 for 2 kitchen bags -- honor system.
 - Any consideration by VRBOs and Air B-N-Bs and businesses to use the Lake County Garbage Bags is appreciated greatly in the summer. We have them at the Visitor Center for \$5 and can arrange to meet you to pick them up.
- Designated Accounts: \$25,589.17
 - Dexter Cabin Maintenance/Preservation: \$559.25
 - Heritage Park: \$2,882.85
 - Fire Station 2: \$22,436. We also received a \$3,000 gift card from Lowes and LT 100 is supposed to give us \$3,500 based upon a grant award for appliances last year but they're waiting until we have the FS2 building.
- FOTL has 89 paid members this year as compared to 133 last year at this time.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from May 30, 2020: <https://www.friendsoftwinlakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Friends-of-Twin-Lakes-Member-Meeting-7-11-20.pdf>. Larry Marcum moved for approval, Susie Ramsdale seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding payment of IRS Compliance Audit by attorney Patti Arthur.

- We have received our compliance letter along with our good standing documents from the Colorado Secretary of State.
- We are engaging in and will continue to engage in activities that fall within the broad area of charitable and educational activities as acknowledged in our compliance audit.
- Members should email Kelly Sweeney if they would like a copy of the letter.

4. Work days:

- Clean up day at south dam area is changed to September 17 at 11:00 am.
- At Dexter cabin, windows were replaced, deck painted, stairs repaired, and touch up painting completed. The bats' deaths were related to drought not disease. Windows were closed to prevent bat entry.
- Report on work on trail to Moache
 - Moache trail. Trail is roughed out from visitor center parking to Moache and foot bridge complete.
 - Late September, the mini excavator from the lake county trail coalition is to dig out the grass roots on a 200 yard section.
 - Volunteer opportunities are needed for a wheel barrow crew spread the road base gravel along this section and to continue with trail contouring around the beaver pond to the foot bridge; then form foot bridge to Moache to cut back sage.
- Assayer's Office and Visitor Center.
 - Forest service may get relief funds for Assayer's Office and Visitor's Center repairs.
 - We plan to build a deck floor and install plexiglass windows in the Assayer's Office.
 - Most of materials needed have been donated by Buena Vista and Silverthorne businesses.
 - Possible work days next week during good weather. Exterior needs work for winter. Need only 4 or 5 workers at a time, N95 masks required by forest service, building is dusty but free of asbestos.
 - Next step is to design and collect artifacts for interpretive participation. Mining Museum in Leadville offered to lend exhibits.

5. Thank you to Visitor Center volunteers.

- Kelly thanked all of the current volunteers working the Visitor Center especially Colleen Schweigert for organizing the volunteers.

6. Next movie will be Silver Linings Playbook on 9/17 at 6:00 pm outdoors.

7. COOKBOOK update. FOTL still owes Interlaken Investments \$2,956.


- Larry Marcum moved that we make another payment of \$955. It was seconded by Sally Fletemeir. Motion passed.

8. Report on survey results regarding clean water/septic/well issues.

- Kurt Schweigert gave a brief presentation of the current volunteer working group looking at some of the issues and possible resolution.
 - Problem arises from the small lot size which does not allow sufficient spacing between wells and septic systems.
 - No real problems yet with well contamination but there could be in the future.
 - Businesses cannot expand within the village.
 - Homeowners will have trouble selling properties because of lack of compliance with new rules.
- Kelly presented the survey results.

- Support from nonprofits is important in grant request whether as a requesting or partner party to the grant.
- Members think its important that FOTL should have a role in these issues and we will report back and seek further concurrence from members as this moves forward.

Q1


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Twin Lakes Village and adjacent areas have six inter-related challenges: (1) potential for contamination of wells, groundwater, and surface water, including contamination of the lakes; (2) septic systems that do not meet current state and county standards and do not allow business expansion and/or productive use of properties; (3) very little opportunity to upgrade current systems to meet Transfer of Title requirements; (4) inadequate facility support for fire-fighting, resulting in hazard to the community at large and the watershed; (5) high costs for fire insurance; and not least, (6) we have little control over prospective construction or demolition that could diminish the character of the historic district and the Village as a whole.

Answered: 99 Skipped: 0

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|---------------------------------|----|
| ▼ I own property or rent property in Pan Ark | 31.31% | 31 |
| ▼ I own property or rent property considered part of EE Hill | 4.04% | 4 |
| ▼ I own property or rent property on Reva Ridge Road | 6.06% | 6 |
| ▼ I own or rent property in Gordon Acres | 12.12% | 12 |
| ▼ I own or rent property in Twin Lakes Village | 20.20% | 20 |
| ▼ I own or rent property west of Twin Lakes Village off of highway 82, not part of any subdivision are listed | 12.12% | 12 |
| ▼ I own or rent property east of Twin Lakes Village off of highway 82, not part of any subdivision area listed | 10.10% | 10 |
| ▼ I own or rent property outside of these areas. | 8.08% | 8 |
| ▼ Comments or additional information on your location | Responses 7.07% | 7 |
| Total Respondents: 99 | | |

Q2



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How important is it to you to keep the water in Twin Lakes reservoir and the outflow into the Arkansas River free from pollution?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 0

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Not important | 1.01% | 1 |
| Not very important | 0.00% | 0 |
| Important | 13.13% | 13 |
| Very important | 85.86% | 85 |
| TOTAL | | 99 |

Q3



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How important is it to you to address the well contamination/septic issues in the neighborhoods and HOAs around Twin Lakes before it more greatly impacts the ability to transfer property, support businesses and protect nature?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 0

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very Important | 31.31% | 31 |
| Not very important | 2.02% | 2 |
| Important | 27.27% | 27 |
| Very Important | 39.39% | 39 |
| TOTAL | | 99 |

Comments (6)



Q4

If you think keeping the water free from pollution is important or very important, should Friends of Twin Lakes work with locals, Lake County or other entities to seek an assessment of possible solutions? Maybe we don't drive the bus, but we actively participate to know where the bus is headed, help provide directions and keep members aware of where things are on the journey. (This would fall into one of our allowed activities for the good of the public as we lessen the burden on government by providing assistance, writing grants, etc.) Select one

Answered: 98 Skipped: 1

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Yes | 87.76% 86 |
| No | 1.02% 1 |
| I do not think this is important enough for Friends of Twin Lakes to be involved in at this time. | 2.04% 2 |
| Please provide a few words to explain your selection(s): | Responses 9.18% 9 |
| TOTAL | 98 |

Q5

Please check IF any of the following should be driving and/or navigating the bus in trying to prevent wastewater/septic pollution from negatively impacting the water in Twin Lakes reservoir and the outflow into the Arkansas? (We have intentionally left off the Federal Government or its agencies based upon their larger picture and enforcement scope in these issues through the EPA, etc.) You may check more than one box

Answered: 93 Skipped: 6

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|---|-----------|
| Lake County Government, particularly Lake County Environmental Health and Public Health/Building and Land Use Departments | 80.65% 75 |
| Arkansas Water River Coalition | 58.06% 54 |
| Area Residents with help of Friends of Twin Lakes | 80.65% 75 |
| Area Residents without help of Friends of Twin Lakes | 7.53% 7 |
| Total Respondents: 93 | |

[Comments \(7\)](#)

Motion to Adjourn was made by Sally Fletemeir and seconded by Collen Schweigert. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.