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## ***TOWN OF BERTHOUD PORT COMMITTEE MEETING***

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**

**This is a VIRTUAL MEETING hosted by Zoom – You may join by:**

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

• Jose Cabrera – Chair	Present
• Phil Klein – Vice-Chair	Present
• Tim Grover	Present
• Karl Ayers – Secretary	Present
• Marc Millet	Present
• Chris Kurtz	Present
• Jill LeGault	Absent
• Jeff Hindman, Trustee Liaison	Present
• Keith Knoll, Staff Representative	Present

**3. Approval of Minutes- Wednesday January 6, 2021    Approved**

**4. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**5. Discussion**

**A. Adam Olinger – Berthoud Open Space Background**

The committee received a look at the upcoming open space plans and process as it is different for every community. Mr. Olinger presented the layout of the Berthoud GMA and the usage of Conservation Easements, Parks, recreation areas, etc. He stated that more easements are in the works.

Member Klein asked if the town pursues easements. Member Kurtz asked if there was a benefit to the town in regard to owning property vs. allowing easements. Trustee Hindman responded that the town focus is on conservation and agricultural uses instead of development. While the town does not “pursue” easements, it generally welcomes them as cost is mitigated by the private ownership nature of the easements. Member Ayers asked if



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the town could generate income from the easements. Mr. Olinger responded that it depends on the nature of the contract and whether the property is privately held or is town property.

#### B. Josh Embrey – Open Space Master Plan Intro & Example

Mr. Embrey introduced himself to the committee and gave a definition of open space in Berthoud. He presented what open space the town has and what it may have in the future. He also discussed the use, possible funding for, regulations of, and partnerships for developing the town's open space.

He introduced the planning and development process for Berthoud's Open Space Master Plan and gave an update on the schedule for the plan. He showed an example of Greeley's new plan and put out a call for ideas and questions to bring to next month's PORT meeting.

#### 6. Staff updates

Parks: The town has won a \$20k grant from Northern Water; \$1500 for the water wise updates to town beds.

Open Space: Berthoud Reservoir is open and had good use already despite the lack of power.

Recreation: Waggener Farm is continuing on good schedule with only minor delays due to weather; October 27 is the tentative open date.

Trails: Loveland is having trouble finishing up the connection to the trail North of Heron Lakes because of an eagle's nest. 2023/24 is the tentative completion date for the project. The Berthoud connections are to be built by the Heron Lakes developer.

Member Klein commented on the sign at Berthoud Reservoir in relation to past talks about standardization of signage throughout Berthoud.

#### 7. Committee updates

Member Klein commented on the state of the drinking fountains around town and asked for a possible inventory and report on their status. Staff member Knoll responded that there was a status check recently, but they have been off for 2020. They will be addressed.

Member Grover asked if the trail east of Heritage Ridge will stay soft or be paved. Trustee Hindman responded that it will stay soft surface, but the developer needs to fix the material to allow bicycle traffic.

Chair Cabrera commented that the gate at CoRd 10 is still closed intermittently and is an obstacle to bike/pedestrian traffic.



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Trustee Hindman commented on the bike/ped report in the last Board of Trustees meeting. There will be a presentation to PORT in the near future.

#### 8. Adjourn

**Next meeting: March 3, 2021 @ 6pm**

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