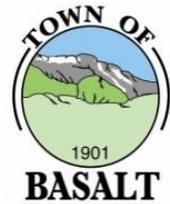


The Green Team Meeting will be held IN PERSON at Basalt Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting from the audience.



TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

Basalt Green Team

Monday, May 9, 2022

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

- 3:30 PM Roll Call**
- 3:31 Approve Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2022 and March 11, 2022**
- 3:32 Guest Introductions**
- 3:45 Member Updates**
- 4:00 2022 Work Plan**
- Basalt Forward 2030 – updates on Solar Project and Midland Avenue Streetscape Project
 - Green Team Support Opportunities
 - Basalt Incentives Rebate Program Update
 - Community Recycling Event
- 4:10 Continued discussions**
- Compost
 - Update on Code Amendments
- 4:40 Future Agenda Items and Other**
- 4:50 Adjourn by this time**

Green Team Meeting
March 14, 2022
Via Zoom

Green Team Members included: Doug Goldsmith, Martin Bonzi
Attendees included: Sara Nadolny, Catherine Christoff, Brittany LaClair, Mike Steiner, Chris Howard
Guest: Eileen Fagan

Agenda Items

- Approve Minutes from February 14, 2022
- Guest Introduction
- Member Updates
- 2022 Work Plan
- Continued Discussions
- Other Updates
- Future Agenda Items

1. Approve meeting minutes

The meeting lacked a quorum so approval of the meeting minutes from February 14, 2022 will be continued to the April Green Team meeting.

2. Guest Introduction

Attendees took turns introducing themselves. The guest, Eileen Fagan, introduced herself. Eileen resides in Basalt and is the Vice President of Marketing and Communications for SWCA Environmental Consultants. She expressed an interest in learning more about the Basalt Green Team and possibly becoming a member.

3. Member Updates

Doug Goldsmith (Mountain Waste) reported that Mountain Waste is beginning the process of updates it's fleet vehicles with cleaner fuel burning trucks.

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Energy) reported he is getting a Tesla Powerwall for his home. Holy Cross has seen the battery project really take off with lots of demand currently. Holy Cross is also seeing a lot of interest in fuel switching projects. Mike reported that the solar and battery storage project near the CMC campus in Glenwood Springs is set to come online in the next couple of months. Mike said he can arrange field trips to this site and to the solar project in Woody Creek once the weather warms up.

Brittany LaClair (CORE) reported that CORE was awarded a federal grant for the project to eliminate methane in the Coal Basin. There will be two community information sessions – the first on March 31st at the Third Street Center in Carbondale, and the second on April 4th at Propaganda Pie in Redstone (RSVP required for this second session). CORE has begun working with City of Aspen on their Building IQ program

– more to come on that topic. They are also releasing new advertising around CORE’s path to net zero, home energy assessments and Solarize.

Chris Howard (Sunsense) reported they are completing work on the CMC solar project and are overall very busy with all of the new development in the Valley.

4. 2022 Work Plan

A. Basalt Forward 2030 – updates and Green Team support. Catherine reported that the Town chose McKinstry from all proposals to perform viability studies for a few areas in Town for a solar project, and aid in the design of the system. Seven sites were identified, and McKinstry will prepare a strategic plan for the Town to determine the best way to proceed. The goal is for at least one solar project at ½ megawatt photovoltaic system with battery storage. The team will be reviewing the sites on Wednesday (3/16). Catherine will update the Green Team on the progress at the next meeting.

B. Basalt Incentives Rebate program – Staff is meeting with CORE to discuss the implementation of the program, and how to leverage resources for advertising. The goal is to make the program available in early April. Sara will provide an update at the next meeting.

4. Projects – Continued Discussions

A. Compost – Sara noted there has been some interest and discussion around a waste reduction campaign. However, she noted that there are no funds available in this year’s budget for a full-blown campaign. The Green Team could consider messaging and utilize the free channels (Town’s website, facebook site, Basalt Community FB page, etc.) to start sharing, and then consider launching a full campaign in 2023. This item will be added to next month’s meeting agenda.

B. Code Updates – No movement on this yet – Staff is still awaiting review by the Town Attorney of the proposed changes to the Sustainable Building Regulations and associated amendments/additions to the Code.

5. Other Update

Catherine shared that the Town is working with ACROS Mobility (owned by Matt Schmigelski, formerly with CLEER) for the installation of the new EV chargers on Midland Spur and Two Rivers Road. The installation will take place in the spring.

Mike reported that Connor at Basalt High School was successful in his grant application with Charge Ahead through the Colorado Department of Energy. Staff will follow up with Connor to see what funding is still needed and what can be done to assist.

Brittany said that the Town’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory is almost ready to be released.

6. Future Agenda Items

Update on solar project – once deliverables are available have the consultants present their findings at a Green Team meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Green Team Meeting
April 11, 2022
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Basalt Town Hall

Green Team Members present: Gerry Terwilliger
Attendees present: Sara Nadolny, Mitch Miller, Catherine Christoff
Guest: Eileen Fagan

Agenda Items

- Approve Minutes from 2/14 and 3/8
- Member Updates
- 2022 Work Plan Updates

A. Approval of Minutes from 2/14/2022 and 3/8/2022

The meeting lacked a quorum. The meeting minutes will be presented again for approval during the May Green Team meeting.

B. Member Updates

Gerry Terwilliger reported that the Basalt Community Garden is full again this year. The garden is a half-acre in size and contains 97 individual plots. Gerry said they will begin planning on the expansion for next year and will likely begin with a quarter acre to ensure that space is utilized before expanding the other quarter acre.

Connor Hoffman, the Basalt High School student who applied for a Charge Ahead grant for an EV charger at the high school was successful in his application. Sara will reach out to Connor to see what he needs. The Town can provide a portion of the gap funding required.

Gerry said he received quotes from Eric Vozick at the Basalt High School regarding the cost of a compost program. The prices were much higher than anticipated. It also appears that all of the dishes and cutlery currently used at the high school cafeteria are plastic. Eric has expressed an interest in switching to compostable products.

Eileen wondered what the amount is that the school is currently paying for their disposables, and if it would be more cost effective to assist the school in purchasing and installing a dishwasher so they can get away from single-use products, even those that are compostable.

Sara also reiterated an earlier thought of asking the school or students to reach out to local businesses to sponsor their compost program. Eileen wondered if the new First Bank might be a good option. Sara can look into this. The bank is not currently operating. Sara also wondered if there are grants available to help offset the costs.

Eileen Fagan shared that May 7th is Wildfire Awareness Day. She has sent out brochures and awareness pieces on event which includes ways to protect the Town. She wondered if this was something the

Green Team would support. Sara said that items related to fire and resiliency do fall within the Green Team's purview to the extent that this is a shared budget item, but that Roaring Fork Fire Rescue would be the starting point for any messaging or proposed projects.

Catherine Christoff updated the group on the two EV chargers that should be installed in the near future on Two Rivers Road, adjacent to Lions Park. She reported there have been delays in getting the chargers due to supply chain issues. Arcos Mobility will be performing the installation. The chargers will be provided free of charge to users.

Sara Nadolny let the group know that she and Phi will be part of a Town Hall Speaker Series on Wednesday, April 13th at 5 – 6 pm on the topic of Environmental Sustainability in the Town of Basalt. Others on the panel include Gail Schwarz and Jacob Everety from Habitat for Humanity. The Speaker Series will occur online every two week and will cover the communities of Aspen through Parachute. She shared that registration is free and the series is sponsored by the Aspen Institute's Hurst Community Initiative.

C. Work Plan Updates

Catherine provided an update on the Basalt 2030 Solar Project, recapping that the project went out to bid for a solar analysis and feasibility study for seven different sites around Basalt. She reported that the consultants, McKinstry, are still in the analysis phase. The Sanitation Districted has added a few sites at former cesspools that may be capped and have solar added. The goal is to move into design of at least one project site. McKinstry will be providing a capital improvement priority list, a preferred site, and the level of solar array that could be accommodated on that site.

Catherine also reported that a team is working on the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project and will be incorporating bioswales and EV chargers into the design. The Green Team will have the opportunity to weigh in on the project.

Catherine said she has received a request for the Town to create a map that shows all public EV chargers within the Town's limits. This may be covered by an app. Catherine will look into this further.

Sara reported that the proposed amendments to the Town's Sustainable Building Regulations (SBRs) has stalled while awaiting final review by the Town Attorney. There is a desire to get the SBRs updated before major projects come in so they are under the new requirements.

Sara is working with Jesse Masten in Eagle County on scheduling this year's Community Recycling Event. The desire is to use the high school again, as that layout worked well last year. The same vendors are anticipated. Sara needs to work with the school district for permission to use the site and to schedule the date, which will be likely June after school activities have ended.

The group discussed the rebuilding in Louisville and Boulder County after the Marshall Fire and the implications of being able to build under previous Codes.

The meeting adjourned 4:54 pm

