

Green Team Meeting
May 9, 2022
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Basalt Town Hall

Green Team Members present: Martin Bonzi, Doug Goldsmith
Attendees present: Sara Nadolny, Mary Weiner, Eileen Fagan, Charlie Eckhart, Catherine Christoff,
Phi Filerman, Amanda Poindexter

Agenda Items

- Approve Minutes from 2/14, 3/8 and 4/11
- Member Updates
- 2022 Work Plan Updates
 - Basalt Forward 2030
 - Basalt Initiatives Rebate Program Updates
 - Community Recycling Event
- Continued Discussions
 - Waste Reduction Messaging
- Future Agenda Items and Other

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

There was no quorum again to approve the meeting minutes. Sara is going to post the minutes from all meetings earlier this year with a caveat that they were unable to be approved, although members present did not have any changes.

Team members discussed the issue of getting more membership and removing a member who has not been in attendance in over a year or more, as that member should not be counted against the quorum.

2. Guest Introductions

Eileen Fagan introduced herself. This is her third meeting, and she is interested in working with the Green Team and being an appointed member. She works with SWCA, an environmental consulting firm and lives in Basalt.

Charlie Eckhart reported that although this is his first meeting in quite some time, he was a member of the Basalt Green Team from 2012-2016 and a former CORE employee. Charlie is an architect and currently works with KA Designworks in Basalt. He also lives in Basalt.

3. Member Updates

Doug Goldsmith (Mountain Waste) reported that he is looking for a territory sales representative.

Phi Filerman (CORE) reported that the City of Aspen passed their local Building IQ ordinance which requires tracking the energy consumption of commercial buildings over 20,000 square feet within the city's boundaries. CORE is administering the initial benchmarking piece, and the program begins June 1st. She said there will be a public process to see who is interested in the program and would like to assist in developing requirements around benchmarking. Aspen has around 25 buildings over 20,000 square feet. The benchmarking program requires an energy assessment in order to get recommendations, and to ensure high quality data is entered into the system.

CORE finalized its contract with Eagle County which will focus on energy improvements within multifamily buildings. CORE is working to connect with residents and building owners of multi-family buildings and HOAs. CORE will not be funding solar this year, but instead are supporting Eagle County's Solarize program.

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Energy) reported that the Adam Palmer solar array, a 200 kW system) was installed recently in Gypsum. He also reported on Holy Cross' income qualified program that will be rolled out in the near future.

The CMC Spring Valley solar project, a 5-megawatt solar and 5-megawatt battery system, should be completed in July. Mike said SunSense is doing the install.

Holy Cross' annual meeting is set to take place on June 2nd at a park in Gypsum. There is a contested Director position which is a three-year term, and members can vote online.

Holy Cross' Power Plus program going great with a six to nine month wait currently.

Mary Weiner (Holy Cross Energy) said the price of lithium has skyrocketed recently. Portable solar makes projects more affordable. The utility program Mike was referencing is a lottery for two years, where up to 50% of a household's electric bill may be paid, depending on generation rate.

Holy Cross is hiring two positions – Electric Transportation Specialist and Distributed Energy Specialist. Both positions are open until May 23rd and will be stationed at Holy Cross' headquarters in Glenwood Springs.

Martin Bonzi (Aspen Skiing Company) is helping to update the energy action plan for Garfield County. Information sessions will begin on Wednesday and will go through June. Mary said she believes the current plan does not have aggressive enough goals.

Amanda Poindexter (Full Circle Construction) is eager to move forward the Code amendments and revisions to the Sustainable Building Regulations. She is opening her home to tours on Friday evenings as it nears completion, which is a model of what the Town will be requiring in the Code amendments as it is all-electric, super insulated, utilizes a heat pump mini-split, and has a nice mechanical ventilation system. She reported the home is getting ready for drywall, and it just finished insulation. The main floor measures 1,650 square feet, with an unfinished basement of the same size beneath, and a large, detached garage.

Catherine Christoff (Town Engineer) reported on the Basalt Forward 2030 Projects. Regarding the Midland Avenue Streetscape Project, Catherine reported that the design team has been gathering feedback and sketching design options. There will a work session tomorrow with the P&Z and Council to present their initial conceptual designs, which will also be brought to POST later this week. She

said the Green Team can view the concepts online in the Council's agenda packet. An additional community survey will be coming out shortly and will be sent to Green Team and other committees. She noted the project is still at a very conceptual stage. The team will work on putting cost estimates to each concept and will be returning to Council at the end of June for feedback. Items such as conduit for future electric vehicle chargers and other sustainability items will probably be a little further down the line in the detailed design. Construction is expected to begin in 2023 and will focus on utility work next summer and more finished improvements 2024. Catherine said the street level will have more innovative improvements. The project will include water main and service connections, sanitary sewer main, and everything deep to shallow utilities, then streetscape, lighting, etc. She said there will be continuous cost estimating efforts to keep the project on track.

Regarding the solar project, the Town's consultant McKinstry has been performing an analysis of sites appropriate for solar and battery storage and are currently narrowing sites to find one that is more viable. The Town is partnering with school district, so one of their sites will probably be chosen. The consultant is working on cost estimating and then will provide a cost-benefit analysis of each site. Mike from Holy Cross has been involved in the meetings, and the Town may be asking Mike to truth costs.

The Level 2 electric vehicle chargers has been installed along Two Rivers Road, and the Town expects to receive the Level 3 charger in July.

Catherine has been working on a guide with Matt Wagner of Public Works to put together an EV map for the Town of Basalt. Martin said Plugshare is an online site that shows the locations of EV chargers. It is open source, so users can update information with hours available, cost, if a station is currently not operating, and other information. Martin said it includes all stations regardless of their network. Users can see what stations are in a certain radius, charge rate, etc.

4. 2022 Work Plan

Sara and Phi reported on rolling out the Rebates Incentives Program, which should be happening in the coming days.

Sara will check in on the rebates offered by Holy Cross for heat pump dryers, electric lawn equipment, and induction stoves.

5. Continued Discussions.

The Basalt Pool will be opening soon. The Green Team discussed the issue related to the noise of the heat pumps last summer. Amanda reported that she is working with James in Planning on the allowable decibels from the mini-split heat pumps at the pool. There was some discussion around putting a dampening agent on the cinderblock walls and metal roof that house the heat pumps.

Green Team is interested in seeing the cost due to the initial heat up of the pool to see if there are actually any cost savings given the increase gas expense. Sara will request the gas bill from Finance once it becomes available and bring to the Green Team.

Sara reported that she is working with Jesse Masten of Eagle County to bring back the Community Recycling Event. Jesse is working to secure the vendors for the event. This could be an opportunity for the Green Team to roll out an awareness campaign so users would have some understanding of

the impact of the items being brought in for disposal. The Green Team discussed the pros and cons of instituting a negligible fee, such as \$5, no matter the item, and messaging - What are the consequences of? Story of why we recycle, particularly e-waste. This is also an opportunity to talk about idling.

6. Future Agenda Items and Other

- Waste reduction messaging.