

**Basalt Green Team**  
**March 8, 2021**  
***Via Zoom***

*Attendees included Susan Philp, Sara Nadolny, Doug Goldsmith, Phi Filerman, Mary Wiener,  
Mike Steiner, Pranav Lakhina, Chris Howard, Martin Bonzi, and Greg Smith*  
*Guest: Elaine Nagey*

**Agenda Items:**

- Approve Minutes from 2/8/2021
- Member/Participant Updates
- Discuss 2021 Work Program and Major Projects
  - Compostable messaging/take-away containers
  - Adoption of 2021 I-Codes and Electrification requirements
  - Code Amendments to Reduce Plastics
  - SolSmart – Code Amendments re Solar PV

**1. Approval of Minutes**

M/S Greg Smith and Martin Bonzi to approve the meeting minutes from February 8, 2021. Motion passed by a vote of 4:0.

Susan noted that the Green Team now has six total members, and a quorum is four. Green Team members include Gerry Terwilliger, Doug Goldsmith, Dave Mullaney, Pranav Lakhina, Martin Bonzi and Greg Smith.

**2. Member updates**

Chris Howard (Sunsmart) reported that their solar installation work at Willits Block 9 is finished and they will be starting work on TACAW. This summer Sunsmart will be working with Holy Cross Energy on their Powerwall program (Tesla battery program) which will improve the grid's stability. SkiCo housing is moving forward.

Doug Goldsmith (Mountain Waste) reported that remodels are picking up with both homes and businesses from Parachute through Aspen. He noted that materials from those jobs are not being recycled. Mary Weiner suggested the Town start looking at a waste diversion program given all of the new development planned and currently underway in Basalt. Staff will follow up with Pitkin County to understand their construction waste diversion requirements.

Phi Filerman (CORE) reported on the Imagine Climate event currently underway. There is a community meeting on March 16 at the Basalt Library and 6pm with Zach Pierce, Special Advisor on Energy and Climate to Governor Polis. Attendees will participate via Zoom.

Mike Steiner (HCE) reported Holy Cross is starting their soft rollout of their Powerwall program,

will a full rollout planned for later in the summer. Mike said the Town will be featured in an upcoming Holy Cross newsletter member spotlight.

Pranav Lakhina (RMI) reported that RMI is a finalist for a \$10,000,000 grant through the 2020 Climate Challenge from the MacArthur Foundation. RMI's focus is on greenhouse gas emission reductions from the building sector.

Martin Bonzi (AGCI) is working towards organizing AGCI's first workshop of the year which is set for mid-April. The topic is how forests play a key role in climate change mitigation. Martin will send details for the workshop once it has been finalized.  
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Mary Weiner (HCE) reported that the Town's pool project is getting \$34,000 in rebates for the heat pumps.

Susan Philp provided an update on the pool. The project was largely around how to make the pool more efficient. The Town worked with HCE, CORE and ended up maximizing the number of solar PV panels that could be installed on the roof in order to heat the building. The heat pumps are being installed to heat the pool. Susan also provided an update on a worksession topic with Town Council regarding a facilities assessment which is part of a goal to implement items from the Town's Master Plan. She also noted that Staff is looking to meet with CORE and others regarding ways to be most effective in pursuing electrification.

Sara Nadolny introduced the topic of the Basalt Affordable Community Housing (BACH) Commission that is currently working on amendments to its Livability Guidelines for affordable housing. She noted that the Guidelines typically focus on topics such as the amount of space for certain rooms, storage, and access to the outdoors, but BACH is considering whether the Guidelines should require or strongly recommend the installation of Energy Star appliances. She asked if there should be a letter from the Green Team to Council on this topic. Philp suggested the group circle back to this topic at the end of the meeting.

Elaine Nagey introduced herself as a resident of Basalt since 2019, currently living in a multi-generational household. She was recommended to check out the Green Team by Councilor Elyse Hottel. She said she is interested in how she could draw on past experience to help fight the against climate change. She has a background in policy and fundraising. Elaine suggested look at how Jehovah's Witnesses run a recycling site as a good example. Sara will send some links regarding the Green Team to Elaine.

### **3. Discuss 2021 Work Program and Major Projects**

Sara reported on the compostable messaging that is planned for take-away containers, noting that she only heard back from one person about the messaging even though several Green Team participants seemed to feel strongly about it. She said she is putting it back out there in hopes of getting additional feedback by the end of the week.

Regarding the Idling Campaign, Sara reported that she is not getting a lot of traction on the shared messaging idea with Carbondale. She has put a shared message in the Aspen Times which runs every Wednesday. She indicated that despite best efforts she is just not hearing back from her contact with Carbondale regarding the radio ads. She indicated that she would be pursuing a radio ad with Aspen Public Radio without the shared messaging if she does not hear back from Carbondale by Wednesday.

Susan suggested checking in with Eagle County to find whether they will be adopting the 2021 Building Code. There was some discussion regarding snowmelt, and Susan clarified that it is used very sparingly throughout the Town, within the public right-of-way and places that pose public safety issues. Greg asked for some clarification about how snowmelt works. Mary said that it can be triggered by moisture and temperature controls and should be turned on and off manually to avoid going on during warmer months when it rains. Snowmelt requires huge gas boilers that produce significant greenhouse gas emissions.

Martin has introduced an ordinance that could be used as a template for banning certain plastics in the community. Susan indicated this is a difficult and time-consuming endeavor, recalling the Town's bag ban years back that was quickly overturned. She said this will require a discussion with Town Council to discover their willingness to take this topic on. Susan also suggested Staff check in with Eagle County to see if they are pursuing anything in this area, as it might get more traction with a joint effort. Sara will check in with Eagle County and City of Aspen to see what they feel are take-aways from their bag ban, and if they are looking to go to the next level.

Sara indicated that Staff is working with CORE and now CLEER on the Town's SolSmart application. This will require code amendments related to solar pv. Proposed code amendments will be brought to the Green Team for discussion prior to going to Council.

The conversation returned to the proposed amendments BACH is looking to make regarding the Livability Guidelines for the Town's affordable housing. Mary suggested that currently the federal requirements for non-Energy Star Appliances are not that much different than Energy Star Appliances, and that a more useful guideline would be to require LED lighting and double-pleated honeycomb industrial blinds or their equivalent. Susan suggested this recommendation go to a vote to pass along to BACH.

M/S Greg Smith and Pranav Lakhina to make a recommendation to BACH to suggest an amendment to the Town's Affordable Housing Livability Guidelines requiring developers to install LED lighting and fixtures and double-pleated honeycomb industrial blinds (or equivalent). The motion passed by a vote of 4:0.

Susan said that the Green Team should ideally elect a meeting Chair. This topic will be reviewed at April's meeting.

M/S Doug Goldsmith and Martin Bonzi to adjourn. Motion passed 4:0.  
The meeting ended at 4:53 pm.