

**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 31<sup>st</sup> at the Third Street Center in Carbondale, and the second on April 4<sup>th</sup> 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.