



**BASALT TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 23, 2021**

Basalt is an inclusive, sustainable, mountain community that boasts both historic charm and progressive vision. It is an engaging place to live, work and play while offering an abundance of creative, professional, educational and recreational outlets.

VIRTUAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Basalt Town Council was called to order by Mayor Bill Kane at 6:01 PM on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. Also present were Council members Elyse Hottel, Ryan Slack, Bill Infante and Glenn Drummond.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

2A. Minutes: March 9, 2021

2B. Reappointment to Finance Advisory Board (FAB): Ann Nichols

2C. Resolution No. 14, Series of 2021: A Resolution of the Town Council of Basalt, Colorado, Renaming the Town Park Known As "Parcel 10" to "Sunset Point" (Susan Philp)

2D. Resolution No. 15, Series of 2021: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, In Support of President Biden's Temporary Pause on Oil and Gas leasing on Federal Public Lands (Bill Infante/Elyse Hottel)

M/S COUNCILORS DRUMMOND AND HOTTEL/INFANTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS HELD. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC: At this time members of the public are invited to address the Town Council on any issue, except for items scheduled for a Public Hearing at this meeting.

There were no public comments presented this evening.

4. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mayor Kane reported that he had completed a new video for the web in which he informed the public about our facilities master planning and financial plan, talked about COVID and its outlook in terms of how things might look for the summer and getting things back open. Bill said he had received plenty of feedback on the new oil and gas leases, pro and con. Bill said there was some great coverage on the electrification of the ski-co affordable housing and TACAW; that will put us on the map for being early adopters for full electrification and zero carbon emission new construction, which is a big deal for Basalt.

Glenn Drummond updated Council on the recent BEMC meeting held March 11. Glenn noted that the BEMC talked about a tabletop exercise held with the BLM (should be Bureau of Reclamation - BOR) and PD that went well. Folks will be reaching out for better communications with the BOR. COVID vaccines are up and down – sometimes great, sometimes not. One big thing to keep in mind for the summer was wildfire mitigation. The forecast over the next 120 days will not get us out of the drought we are in, so homeowners need to do all they can to mitigate wildfire hazards on their property. At the BEMC, the PD also reported on the ice dams and the PD interactions with a lot of people crossing the rivers on the ice over the winter; everyone needs to be reminded the ice is not safe and should not be used to cross the rivers.

Ryan Slack asked if the Town was going to do any additional fire mitigation this year as it had been delayed last year due to COVID. Town Manager Ryan Mahoney said he had spoken with John Mele of Roaring Fork Fire Rescue who had helped us in the past to reach out to property owners for mitigation work. That assistance is still available. The Town will also work with the SWIFT crew for additional mitigation on public property. Ryan Mahoney wanted to re-open the program of collecting and chipping the cuttings that private homeowners would remove from their property.

Bill Infante requested an update on the Pan and Fork commercial space - the restaurant, the Art Base discussions and anything occurring with Basalt Center Circle. There is some movement that would be in the interest of Council to know about. Bill Infante said he would like to know where we stand, what we are doing, how we are reaching out and what might be forthcoming. In the same vein, Bill Infante said he had received a note a few weeks ago about 'listening sessions' being held regarding the disposition of the US Forest Service parcel. Bill Infante asked that staff brief the Council on the discussions and invite conversation among Council members as to what Basalt might do, what Basalt's interest might be, in the disposition of that parcel. Bill Infante also suggested that the conveners of these listening sessions convene another session for elected officials within the affected areas - Basalt, Eagle and Pitkin Counties, and perhaps Snowmass and Carbondale (Carbondale Mayor Dan Richardson had attended at least one listening session).

Elyse Hottel said she had read in the Manager's Weekly Report, that Christy was working on a communication plan for the facilities study capital improvement plan which, which triggered a reminder for her to ask about an update on hiring a communication firm. Elyse also wanted to talk about getting back together for in-person meetings as we move into further phases of vaccination – at least for Council Coffees and eventually for in-person Council meetings.

Bill Kane relayed that relative to communication, Cushing Terrell and Wayne Freeman, a big part of their scope on the facilities master plan is community engagement and communications strategy that is built into their work program. Elyse Hottel said her question was of a broader nature; more about communications in general.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

5A. Basalt Affordable Community Housing (BACH): BACH 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Workplan (Sara Nadolny and James Lindt)

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt and Staff Planner Sara Nadolny were present for this discussion. Sara described BACH and introduced the Committee members Cathy Click (Moffroid), Doug MacDonald, Anne Baker and Clyde Foster.

Chairperson Cathy Click discussed what BACH had accomplished in 2020 (as included in the Council packet) which was focused on emergency rental assistance funding during COVID. For 2021, BACH hopes to refocus on the development maps where projects have been proposed in the past and for the future. Also revisiting the living guidelines and looking at more opportunities for public-private partnerships in building affordable housing.

Doug MacDonald noted a currently postponed HB20-1351- the purpose of which was to clarify the authority of local jurisdictions to control development to demand a certain percentage of affordable housing.

Assistant Planning Director James Lindt added that BACH also has on their 2021 work plan to evaluate the barriers and incentives to affordable and workforce housing, as well as assessing the affordable housing needs for some specific businesses and employers in Basalt.

Sara noted that Cathy Click had attended one of the USFS parcel listening sessions. Sara said that BACH has been working on the livability guidelines to remain current with sustainability elements, considering size of storage, efficient use and efficient floor plans and will continue those discussions at a future meeting.

Cathy Click added that BACH is reaching out and partnering more with other citizen committees to be on the same page with their recommendations such as the Green Team's all electric units, for example.

Elyse Hottel hoped there would still be the bandwidth for BACH to take on a specific project should the facilities needs study is affordable housing. Elyse also asked about exploring what could be done to incentivize more development of for-sale units rather than just rental units. For-sale units could allow renters to move into the starter home ownership realm, then potentially into the open market.

Bill Infante suggested the Town should be exploring subsidies and other opportunities. He was not in favor of the Town owning, building or operating housing.

Elyse Hottel supported the idea of incentivizing energy efficiency in affordable housing units, but noted it was a double-edged sword problem that needed solving.

6. COUNCIL ACTIONS:

6A. BACH Appointment: ~~BACH Recommendation for Appointment of Mike Kosdrosky to BACH (Sara Nadolny and James Lindt)~~

Item 6A was postponed to the April 13, 2021 meeting.

6B. BEMC Appointment: BEMC/Town Manager Recommendation for Appointment of Berenice Forrest to the BEMC (Pam Schilling and Glenn Drummond)

Glenn Drummond explained that the BEMC voted in favor of appointing Berenice Forrest to the BEMC and needed Council's formal approval.

Berenice Forrest introduced herself and explained her connection with the Basalt Regional Library and its connection with the community in terms of information and guidance. Berenice

noted she has, or had, worked with most of the BEMC affiliate agencies already, and she currently works with the community and with the Spanish language community at the Library. It is something that the BEMC needs and is something that goes hand in hand in terms of connections in the greater community.

M/S COUNCIL MEMBERS HOTTEL AND DRUMMOND THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPOINT BERENICE FORREST TO THE BEMC FOR A 3-YEAR TERM ENDING MAY 2024 (The staff memo indicated 2023 which was corrected at the meeting to a 3 year term ending in 2024). **THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

7. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- 7A. Accounts Payable
- 7B. Advanced Agendas
- 7C. Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC) 2020 Annual Report
- 7D. Correspondence to the Town
- 7E. Victims and Law Enforcement (VALE) Board Meeting Minutes of 03/16/2021

8. ADJOURNMENT

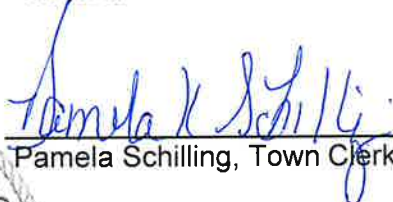
The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

The minutes of this March 23, 2021 meeting were read and approved this 13th day of April, 2021.

BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

ATTEST:

By: 
William G. Kane, Mayor


Pamela Schilling, Town Clerk



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