

**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, March 11, 2024**

**Basalt Town Hall**

**101 Midland Avenue**

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- 3:30 PM**      **Roll Call**
- 3:31**            **1. Approve Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024.**
- 3:35**            **2. Update on Solar Project.** *Staff to provide an update on the solar project and installation dates/location, and on-site meeting.*
- 3:50**            **3. Pay-As-You-Throw Programs.** *Green Team Member Doug Goldsmith to provide a presentation on the pay-as-you-throw program, including communities that are currently implementing this practice, benefits, lessons learned, etc.*
- 4:10**            **4. Updates**
- Community Composting Survey
  - Building Net Zero Action Plan update
  - Willits Lane Wayfinding and Connectivity Study - volunteers for stakeholder group
  - Building Benchmarking
  - Annual Community Recycling Event
- 4:15**            **5. Member/Supporter Updates**
- 4:25**            **6. Future Agenda Item**
- EV chargers – charging for use
- 4:30**            **Adjourn**

**Green Team Meeting  
January 8, 2024  
Town Hall**

Green Team Members: Mike Steiner, Charlie Eckart, Doug Goldsmith, Eileen Fagan,  
Sean Satterfield

Town Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault, Carlos Peugnet

Guests: Tara Stitzlein (CORE)

**Agenda Items**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2023**
- **Housekeeping Items – Nominations for Chair/Vice Chair; Meeting times/date check-in**
- **Community Compost Discussion**
- **2024 Basalt E-Bike Rebate Program**
- **Willits Lane Connectivity & Town Wayfinding Plan**
- **Member/Supporter Updates**

Meeting began at 3:33 pm

**1. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Doug and Eileen to approve the meeting minutes from November 13, 2023. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**2. Housekeeping Items.**

Staff introduced a couple of items that will be discussed at each of the Town's citizen committees at the beginning of each year, including a check-in on meeting times/days, and re-electing a board Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year.

Staff asked Green Team members if the current meeting date (second Monday of the month) and time (3:30 pm - 5:00 pm) still works for members' schedules. No changes in time or date was suggested.

Chair Eckart was nominated for the role of Chair, and Mike Steiner as Vice Chair. No other nominations were presented.

M/S Doug and Eileen for Eckart as Chair and Steiner as Vice Chair for 2023. Motion passed 5 to 0.

**3. Community Composting.**

Staff outlined the potential ways that the Town, through the Green Team, could support community composting. Options include a pickup program for residents, focusing on getting compost into multi-family buildings, or creating drop off sites at locations in downtown Basalt, Southside, and Willits.

Although Staff had intended on bringing the Green Team a recommendation, it was decided that a survey would be needed to help the Green Team understand current composting habits for residents

and business owners. Gaining an understanding of how people currently compost, why they do not currently compost, and their preferred method of service will help inform the best program to pursue. The survey will be pushed out via the monthly committee newsletter, through social media channels, and through an ad in the Aspen Daily News (where Basalt has a standing weekly Tuesday ad). More data is needed to better understand the best way to use the funding associated with creating a community composting program. There can be an educational piece along with the survey.

There is an opportunity to highlight businesses that are already composting (i.e. New York Pizza) within the newsletter, on Green Team's webpage, and through the Town's social media channels. The Green Team also suggested providing free advertising for restaurants that are composting. Other ideas include creating a contest amongst businesses for the lowest carbon footprint, greatest waste reduction measures, etc.

Next Steps:

- The Green Team directed Staff to create a survey to gather data regarding current composting habits amongst Basalt residents, and to include an educational component on composting.
- Staff will also check in with Alyssa from EverGreen Zero Waste to see if she can provide data on the number of residents and businesses that are currently utilizing her company for composting services in Basalt.

#### **4. 2024 Basalt E-Bike Rebate Program**

Staff reported that the Town recently was successful in a state grant application that will double the Town's budget this year for e-bike rebates to residents. Several parameters were placed on the rebate for 2023, one being that the e-bikes were required to be purchased from two local vendors. The 2023 program was not largely. The state grant will provide the opportunity to double the rebate for income qualified residents. The Town's rebate is planned to remain at \$250, and those that income qualify will receive an additional \$250. This year the Town is opening the program to allow bikes to be purchased from any vendor, even online. This is intended to help with purchases of more economical classes of e-bikes and lower the amount of the entry purchase point.

Thibeault confirmed that the Town's contribution to the budget for the 2024 e-bike rebate program is \$62,500. She reminded the Green Team that the Town rebate has no income requirements.

Staff plans to increase communications and marketing around the 2024 e-bike rebate program. Additional income-qualified funds will be highlighted and there will be a press release. The goal is to be better prepared this year to enhance the marketing and the program. Mitzi will create a marketing plan which she will walk through with the Green Team. This may be an opportunity to create an educational piece about the types of e-bikes.

The Green Team suggested that, to create some momentum around the program, to set a certain number of bikes with a rebate of \$500, after which the rebates would return to \$250.

M/S Charlie and Mike to provide \$500 for the first 25 e-bikes that are purchased in 2024. Motion 5 to 0.

## **5. Willits Lane Connectivity and Town Wayfinding Plan.**

Thibeault provided an update on the plan Willits Lane Connectivity and Wayfinding Plan. The Town has contracted with Alta Planning & Design. Alta is currently working on creating a schedule, a plan for engaging stakeholders, and an understanding of how the corridor is currently used. Alta has worked in the past on helping another municipality achieve a Bicycle Friendly Community certification. Thibeault noted that the Green Team probably will not have much direct involvement with this project until late spring or early summer. Staff will keep the Green Team updated.

## **6. Member/Supporter Updates**

Mike Steiner (Holy Cross Energy) reported that Holy Cross is on track to provide 90% clean energy by next year. The cost of participating in the PuRE program will continue to decrease, and as Holy Cross gets closer to 100% renewable energy, there will be a discussion as to whether the PuRE program is even necessary.

Holy Cross is implementing a rate increase – the rate structure will probably not change until next year; however, an increase for the monthly connection fee (a \$4 increase) will come this spring.

Doug Goldsmith (Mountain Waste) Glenwood Springs is going to a pay-as-you-throw program. New trash truck. In Denver they are testing an electric trash truck.

Eileen Fagan asked Steiner to provide the usage data for EV chargers. Steiner indicated that there have been issues with ChargePoint with software upgrades/maintenance, etc.

Tara Stitzlein (CORE) reported that Ryland French is back working as the Program Director. CORE has also hired three new staff members. CORE is working on getting two level 2 EV chargers in the parking lot near its building this spring.

## **7. Future update items**

- EV chargers – plan to start to charge, disincentive charge for parking after charged, etc.
- Building IQ – research into what that will take to implement in Basalt and what the thresholds will be.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm

M/S Doug Mike to end this meeting. Motion passed 5 to 0.