

**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2020
GREEN TEAM MEETING**

The meeting of the Green Team Committee was called to order by Cath Jett on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Zoom Attendance:

The following Green Team Committee members were present:

Cath Jett, Chair and Mountain Village Resident
Jonathan Greenspan, Vice-Chair and Mountain Village Resident
Jeff Proteau, Telluride Ski and Golf Company
Patrick Berry, Mountain Village Town Council
Marti Prohaska, Mountain Village Town Council
Inga Johansson, Alternate Seat
Mike Follen, At Large Member

The following Green Team Committee members were absent:

Heidi Stenhammer, Secretary and Telluride Mountain Village Owner's Association

The following were also in attendance:

Julia Ferguson, Lotus Engineering
Rachel Meier, Lotus Engineering
Tyler Simmons, Eco Action Partners
Kim Wheels, Eco Action Partners
Todd Brown, Town of Telluride
Heather Knox, Mountain Village Resident
Marla Meredith, Mountain Village Resident

Zoe Dohnal, Town of Mountain Village

- Agenda Item 2- Consideration and Approval of July 14, 2020 Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes

On a **MOTION** by Jonathan Greenspan and seconded by Jeff Proteau, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to approve the July 14, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

- Agenda Item 3- Town Clean Up Subcommittee Update
 - Zoe Dohnal gave an update from the Town Perspective.
 - Advertising will start on Thursday.
 - Application has been received and just needs to receive direction on what is required from Town Staff.
 - Someone still needs to check in with Grace Franklin so that the county is aware of the event.
 - Next Steps: Mike will reach out to Grace Franklin.
 - Zoe will start promoting on Thursday.

➤ Agenda Item 4- Composting Subcommittee Update

- Jonathan Greenspan provided an update regarding the deficiencies of the composters. Much of the issues are coming from poor manufacturing during the start of COVID.
- We are still waiting for the last few units that are still in manufacturing.
- Patrick is worried that the manufacturing difficulties will diminish confidence in the program.
- He also has concerns that dicing up food waste into small pieces is not viable for a commercial solution.
 - **NEXT STEPS:**
 - Jonathan will reach out to the vendor to see what the next size up would be and if there is a commercial solution.

➤ Agenda Item 5- EAP Partnership for the future

- EAP was worried that the change in funding was a performance-based issue. He has assured them that this is a budgetary issue and MV employees not having the time to engage because of these budget cuts. He would like to commit to the regional solutions that they provide.
- They already have the partnerships at the regional level and Lotus does not.
- There is concern from members of the team that there aren't concrete measurables from EAP.
- There is concern that billing transparency is not there.
- There is concern that MV is not being allowed to set the rules of how MV programs will happen.
- Do we need their assistance for MV specific programs, or should we consider them only for the GHG inventory?
- Does this put the EAP in jeopardy? If it does, what is a regional solution?
- There is concern that actual programs with results need to start happening.
- Staff likes how Lotus tracks the data and will give us the tools we need to work with EAP.
 - **NEXT STEPS:** The team will take a side by side comparison of the Lotus report and the EAP report.
 - We need to get behind the data and come up with solutions.

➤ Agenda Items 6-12 - 2021 Budget Work Session

- Many of the team members need to leave the meeting at 3:00 pm—an open discussion regarding preferred budget items where each member provided their priority import. A freeform discussion took place.
 - Jeff's preferences:
 - Planet over Plastics Professional Assistance for Businesses (\$10,000)
 - Community Composting - let's wait and see
 - GHG - good to have two companies looking at the data
 - Patrick's preferences:
 - PT Sustainability Coordinator but has questions about mechanics and how that functions.

- Community Composting should continue if we can get the manufacturing solutions figured out.
 - Expanding community composting to a commercial solution
 - The strategy will be a big part of figuring out the budget.
 - Marti's Preference
 - Community Composting - need to continue this program to see the results. Examine Carbondale's solution?
 - Inga suggests using Mark Sturdevant.
 - Jonathan - Community Composting - we do a local program and keep everything here to limit transportation and the environmental impacts that transportation causes. We need to look at it as a whole picture of what we want to see come out of this program.
 - Cath - take the expansion of the residential, add the Farm to Community program, and add commercial to that.
 - Mike's Preferences:
 - PT Sustainability Coordinator that focuses on implementing what we want to do
 - Focus on smaller amount of things and do them well.
 - Inga
 - PT Sustainability Coordinator needs to be very specific and have measurables.
 - Cath
 - PT Sustainability Coordinator - needs to have experience and an environmental degree or relevant experience.
 - Jonathan
 - PT Sustainability Coordinator - this person needs to implement our programs.
 - Marti
 - PT Sustainability Coordinator - remember, there is a hiring freeze, and we need to be creative with how to present it to the council.
 - Zoe
 - Human Resources is responsible for the environmental efforts within the town. We have been partnering with EAP to come up with strategies and implement them. We should review if/how EAP is doing this.
 - We should create the work plan and offer clear direction to whoever we choose to see that the programs are working.
 - Treat that partner more as an employee with better communication.
- Agenda Item #7 -Planet Over Plastics Business Outreach
- Cath thanked Inga for creating the proposal. Discussion ensued.
 - This is a slap in the face that we are not walking the walk.
 - The professional companies could be used for zero waste plan implementation.
 - Does EAP have the capacity to offer Zero Waste programming for businesses?
- Agenda Item #9 - Farm to Community Composting Program
- Heather Knox presented a proposal to the Green Team to create a program where a trailer is supplied for compost from the Farm to Community program, which would go back to the supplying farms. It could also be used by restaurants and other residents. Transportation is one of the major issues.

Discussion from the Green Team ensued.

- She does not recommend the earth cubes because of the amount of work that it takes.
 - This could be part of the Sustainability Coordinator's job.
 - This would allow us to meet the wishes of the Town Council to expand the composting program.
 - Zoe - there will be fewer people in the program next year.
 - **NEXT STEPS:** Heather suggests creating a survey to see who would be willing to participate. Her personal use for one family is about 2 gallons per week.
 - She will also find out how long it takes Butcher and Baker to fill up their trailer, which is similar in size.
- **Agenda Item #6 - Zero Waste Green Team Initiatives Work Plan**
- Cath quickly reviewed these and how they are all tying in with our budget items.
 - Jonathan discussed a community glass grinder. It was presented at the TMVOA Merchant's Meeting. All the businesses at that meeting sound interested in purchasing one and seeing if it could be installed at the Wells Fargo enclosure.
 - The link he discussed is [HERE](#).
- **Agenda Item #12 - Consideration of Proposals for 2020 Green House Gas Inventory Data Collection**
- Because of Patrick's request to compare Lotus and EAP partners inventories and the reports, this was postponed to a later date.
- **BUDGET NEXT STEPS:** Cath will work with the subcommittees to put together numbers for the September meeting.
- **Agenda Item #15 - Lotus presentation of Climate Action Plan**
- Zoe introduced the discussion and stated that the plan needs to be postponed until September. Lotus is still waiting for data from Tri-State and has been working with Patrick on some of these edits. She would like us to see the full report and not a partial report. Julia will give us an overview and where we should be focusing our efforts.
 - Julia Ferguson from Lotus Engineering presented some strategies and supporting actions that could mesh with our budget plans.
 - **Transportation**
 - Increase EV chargers. State grants available. Bulk purchasing with EV dealer.
 - Transition buses to alternative energy sources.
 - Promote the expansion of EVs in the community.
 - Transition municipal fleet.
 - Develop targeted branding and education programs reducing single-use vehicles and investing in EVs.
 - **Building Energy**
 - Updating building codes (REMP, snowmelt offset calculations) for both residential and commercial construction.
 - Commercial benchmarking program. Summit County has a great program.
 - Require and incentivize commercial building retro-commissioning

- Renewable Energy
 - More solar or other renewable installation or purchasing RECs
 - Encourage more participation in SMPA's Totally Green Program
 - Consider partnerships with solar organizations to help with community programs.
 - Consider the feasibility of and applicability for local renewable energies.
- Waste
 - Develop a green materials purchase policy
 - Develop incentives for commercial composting
 - Set aside gleaned food for those in need.
 - **NEXT STEPS:** Julia is working with Patrick on population numbers to see how these numbers look. The plan will be finalized for the September meeting.
- Agenda Item #14 - Discussion of adding EV chargers to new construction
 - Cath was approached by our SMPA representative about adding EV chargers to all new construction in MV. She has also spoken to the Planning Director. That department will need information on voltage, costs, and so forth.
- Agenda Item #15 - Other Business
 - Jonathan will send out proofs of the new "Live Like a Local Campaign" to the members of the team for review

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Jonathan Greenspan and seconded by Inga Johanssen, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Reminder:

The next Green Team Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Cath Jett, Chairperson
Mountain Village Green Team