

**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
GREEN TEAM MEETING**

The meeting of the Green Team Committee was called to order by Cath Jett on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 2:05 p.m. via Google Meeting.

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
DeLanie Young, Town of Telluride
Tyler Simmons, Eco Action Partners
Kim Wheels, Eco Action Partners
Zoe Dohnal, Town of Mountain Village
Todd Brown, Town of Telluride
Marla Meridith, Mountain Village Resident
Emma Gerona, Eco Action Partners

- Agenda Item 2- Consideration and Approval of August 11, 2020 Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes

On a **MOTION** by Inga Johansson and seconded by Jonathan Greenspan, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to approve the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

- Agenda Item 3- Presentation of 2021 Eco Action Partners (EAP) Proposal for Services
 - **NEXT STEPS:** Kim Wheels presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
 - Emma Gerona introduced herself as the new Executive Director of Eco Action Partners.

- Eco Action Partner's presentation regarding a proposal for a regional GHG inventory & energy analysis, regional energy and waste resource, Sneffels energy board, green business certification, plastic film recycling and greenlights can be [viewed here](#).
- Regionally EAP has 10 years' worth of GHG Emissions data.
- EAP's sustainability action plan objectives for 2021 are community engagement, decreased energy consumption, increased renewable energy use, reduced transportation per capita, decreased water usage, reduced landfill waste and increased local food production.
- The 2020 EAP Mountain Village Q2 Report can be [viewed here](#).

➤ Agenda Item 4- Consideration of Appointment of New Green Team Members

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- TMVOA has received two letters of interest for its open seat, one from Heather Knox and one from Marla Meridith. It is TMVOA's responsibility to recommend one of the applicants to the Green Team and Town Council for an appointment. All present agreed either candidate is qualified and welcome.
- Jonathan Greenspan's Residential term is also up and he expressed interest in continuing to serve on the Green Team.
- Kevin Pisters has also put his name in for the open Residential seat.

On **MOTION** by Patrick Berry to nominate Jonathan Greenspan to continue serving as the Residential member of the Green Team due to his proven dedication and commitment, the **MOTION** was seconded by Marti Prohaska and carried unanimously (7-0).

➤ Agenda Item 5- Lotus presentation of Climate Action Plan for September Town Council Meeting

- **NEXT STEPS:** Julie Ferguson presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Lotus is continuing to work on the climate action plan and dialing in the two remaining pieces including population production and projected emissions factor with Tri State.
- The modeling portion of the plan has been completed.
- The report can be [viewed here](#).
- The report reflects that Mountain Village could achieve an 85% reduction in Green House Gasses by 2050 based on the 2020 baseline from EAP.
- Population projections through 2050 were determined by looking at trends in visitors, SMC growth and total population on any given day. Projections are dependent on market conditions and potential future pandemics.
- Electrification is being embraced throughout the state. If 80% of buildings are retrofitted with renewably sourced electric systems by 2050 it would be an 18% reduction in baseline numbers.
- The Green Team needs to be giving direction to council on where to focus as they have a diverse array of priorities upon which to focus.

- Lotus can assist with developing policies to help get the community on board and can also develop tracking worksheets to determine participation and progress.
- Community infrastructure can be incorporated to promote waste minimization.
- The committee agreed that focus should be placed on the big-impact items and renewable energy credits should be downplayed.

➤ Agenda Item 6- Glass Grinder Costs, Location, Feasibility

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Information on the glass grinder can be [found here](#).
- The original cost has increased significantly due to tariffs. The grinder is \$7,500 and the machine to screen the particles is \$10,000.
- TMV staff was under the impression that the ground glass is a toxic and dangerous material which is not the case. It is currently being safely used in Hawaii on eroded beaches.
- Glass and food waste take up the most volume of our waste stream.
- The Town of Telluride is looking into glass grinders as well.
- It is estimated that it will take 3 months to build a program.
- All present agreed that more research and planning needs to be done and funds for this initiative should be considered in the 2022 budget process.

➤ Agenda Item 7- Planet Over Plastics Business Outreach Costs & Feasibility

- **NEXT STEPS:** Inga Johansson presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Several Green Team members met with four different firms and selected two for consideration: Skumatz Economic Research Associates and Upstream Solutions.
- The summary of the two proposals can be [found here](#).
- The selected firm would implement the existing plan and not create a new one.
- Upstream is \$7,800 for policies and community engagement with concrete deliverables which is something Council has indicated they want to see.
- Skumatz is \$24-34K and focused on our entire waste stream with action-based results, not where we can be in 10 years.
- It was noted that this should fall under agenda item 9 and discussed at that time.

➤ Agenda Item 8- “Simple Solar” Residential Program Costs & Feasibility

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Town Council member Pete Dupree would like to reinvigorate the old TMV solar program and add a \$50k budget line item as an incentive for owners to add solar to new construction or existing construction.

- The Federal solar tax credit of 22% will sunset at the end of 2021 so there is an incentive for our owners to act now and move away from fossil fuels.
- \$25k was the budget in 2019 and it was cut in 2020 because no one utilized the program so, if this program is reinstated, it will need a lot of marketing support.
- This budget line item will be part of the TMV planning budget, not Green Team budget.
- TMV has requested that the Green Team GT put together materials including information on lenders, approved solar companies and the applications for rebates.
- More information can be [found here](#).
- All present agreed that the Green Team would support this initiative.

➤ Agenda Item 9- Expansion of Community Composting Program: Plan, Costs, Feasibility

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan & Patrick Berry presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- The Subcommittee met yesterday.
- All 20 residential composting units have been sold and the subcommittee would like to purchase another 20 for \$7,500. The newly redesigned units are much more robust than the previous model.
- The subcommittee is also looking for a commercial unit that ranges in cost from \$5-15k as the unit is built according to how much waste per day a particular restaurant or group of restaurants goes through in a day.
- It is worth noting that phase one of this initiative was completed with residential composting units and the phase two plan is to move towards commercial composting.
- There is \$20k budgeted for the composting program which will cover both initiatives.
- There are still 14 scales in inventory.

➤ Agenda Item 10- Creation of Environmental Sustainability Department

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- More information can be [found here](#).
- This idea was sparked after talking to consultants and seeing where breakdown has been since Deanna Drew left TMV's sustainability position.
- Green Team Bylaws state that everything we do is non-binding and many municipalities are creating their own sustainability department that has direct access to the town manager and council which allows for more control over environmental sustainability projects.
- This department could be implemented in a partnership with the Town of Telluride as they have expressed interest.
- TMV is currently in a hiring freeze so this will need to go in front of council.
- The cost of this department would not come out of the green team budget.
- All present agreed that a job description should be created to include a plan on how it would work between both the Towns which will be presented to Council at its October meeting.

➤ Agenda Item 11: Comparison of 2019 Green House Gas Inventory Data Collection

- **NEXT STEPS:** This item was tabled until the next meeting.

➤ Agenda Item 12- Other Business

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- EAP's future role with the Green Team was questioned.
- It was noted that the problem with lack of action exists within the EAP board of directors and not staff.
- There seems to be more potential in working with Lotus as they are in other mountain towns and can help us see outside our bubble.
- Lotus has interfaced with town staff at a much higher level.
- This group does not need to contract for services if a department/position is approved by council.

On **MOTION** by Inga Johansson to set a special meeting to define the department/position and EAP's future role, the **MOTION** was seconded by Patrick Berry and carried unanimously (7-0).

- Jonathan Greenspan reported that Recycle Colorado had a policy summit at which Chris Holstrom provided a presentation on plastic bans. The organization will pick a few items to put forth to the legislature.
- The organization is also working on language changes to two bills. The Common Consumption law, says you have to use disposable cups and the desire is to change that to reusable cups. And, giving local authority so that, for example, incentives can be given to hemp farmers to create products other than CBD and build reusables out of hemp.

➤ Agenda Item 13- Adjournment

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Marty Prohaska, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Reminder:

The next Green Team Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom or Google Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Stenhammer

Secretary, Mountain Village Green Team