

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021, 11:00 AM TO BE HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM AGENDA <b>REVISED</b> (see zoom login information below)</b></p>					
Item	Time	Min	Presenter	Type	
1.	11:00		Berry		Call to Order
2.	11:00	5	Berry	Public Comment	Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items
3.	11:05	5	Lambert	Action	Approval of the January 12, 2021 Regular Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes
4.	11:10	5	Berry	Action	Re-open Discussion Regarding 2021 Green Team Committee Meeting Date Frequency
5.	11:15	25	Berry	Informational	Revisit 2021 Green Team Committee Work Plan
6.	11:40	10	Prohaska	Informational	Solar Subcommittee Update
7.	11:50	10	Greenspan/Meredith	Informational	Clean Up Day Subcommittee Update
8.	12:00	10	Johansson	Informational	Voluntary Single-Use Plastics Reduction Incentive Subcommittee / Planet Over Plastics Update
9.	12:10	10	Berry/Greenspan	Informational	Composting Subcommittee Update
10.	12:20	5	Berry	Informational	<p>Items for Consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Snowmelt options for Chondola walkways</li> <li>B. San Miguel Watershed Coalition Update</li> <li>C. Beaver Issue</li> <li>D. Finn Kjome to speak about Mountain Village water</li> <li>E. Adopt a Highway</li> <li>F. Weed Management</li> <li>G. Forest Health- Infestation, Blown Down Management</li> <li>H. 2021 January – March: 1st Quarter Green Team Quarterly Report. Present in <b>APRIL</b></li> <li>I. 2021 April – June: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Green Team Quarterly Report. Present in <b>JULY</b></li> <li>J. 2021 July – September: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Green Team Quarterly Report. Present in <b>OCT</b></li> <li>K. 2021 October – December: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Green Team Quarterly Report. Present in <b>JAN</b></li> </ul>
11.	12:25	5	Berry	Informational	Other Business
12.	12:30		Berry		Adjourn

**Zoom Information:**

Town of Mountain Village Clerk is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Green Team Committee Meeting**

**Time: Feb 11, 2021 11:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

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**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2021  
GREEN TEAM MEETING **DRAFT****

Agenda item 3

The meeting of the Green Team Committee was called to order by Marti Prohaska on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:01 p.m. via Zoom.

**Zoom Attendance:**

**The following Green Team Committee members were present:**

Marti Prohaska, Vice Chair and Mountain Village Town Council  
Cath Jett, Mountain Village Resident  
Jonathan Greenspan, Mountain Village Resident  
Jonette Bronson, Mountain Village Resident  
Erin Kress, Telluride Ski and Golf Company  
Marla Meridith, Telluride Mountain Village Owner's Association  
Inga Johansson, Alternate Seat

**The following were absent:**

Patrick Berry, Chair and Mountain Village Town Council

**The following were also in attendance:**

Zoe Dohnal, Business Development & Sustainability Director (Staff)  
Christina Lambert, Senior Deputy Town Clerk (Staff)  
Heather Knox  
Karen Guglielmone

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

No public comment was received.

**Consideration of Approval of Minutes:**

Agenda Item 2- December 8, 2020 Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes

On a **MOTION** by Jonathan Greenspan and seconded by Jonette Bronson, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

**Discussion and Committee Follow Up/Next Steps:**

- Agenda Item 3- Finalize Quarterly Report (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter):
  - **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
  - Jonathan created the **DRAFT** report on behalf of the committee.

- The committee discussed minor changes including adding a section at the end titled updates.
- This section is for items that are included in the report but are not on the 2021 Work Plan.
- Jonathan will update the document and he will email it to Christina, Zoe, Patrick and Marti for final review.
- Christina will send it to the Town Clerk to add it to the January 21, 2021 Town Council Meeting packet.
- On a **MOTION** by Erin Kress and seconded by Jonette Bronson, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to approve the Quarterly Report as presented with the discussed changes.

➤ Agenda Item 4- Solar Program Update:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Marti Prohaska presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- We are working on getting our own outreach packet for Mountain Village.
- It looks like we will be able to stick to the timeline.
- Bryce is our point person at S.U.N.
- Zoe Dohnal and Marti Prohaska will talk offline about a potential Solar United RFP.

➤ Agenda Item 5- Waste Diversion Grant Opportunity:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Zoe Dohnal presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- This is a large grant opportunity due in March.
- This grant opportunity is currently available annually.
- We have a \$11,000 budget variance so we could use funds.
- Members of the composting committee might want to take this on.
- Inga Johnsson will set up a separate meeting to discuss this further.
- We may need to consider a Green Team Grant Subcommittee.
- Jonathan, Inga, Marla, and Heather Knox have all volunteered to be a part of this.
- This group of volunteers may evolve into a Grant Subcommittee in the future.
- Zoe recommended that the group meet next week if possible.

➤ Agenda Item 6- Buin Waste 6 Month Review:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Jonathan offered to give suggestions.
- He will put together what type of information we are looking for.
- Jonathan will then send out an email to the Green Team Committee.

- Agenda Item 7- Clean Up Day Subcommittee Update:
  - **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
  - The Committee has not met since the last meeting.
  - Zoe Dohnal reminded everyone that this date will come up quickly.
  
- Agenda Item 8- Planet Over Plastics Update:
  - **NEXT STEPS:** Inga Johansson presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
  - We are moving forward with Upstream.
  - We pushed dates forward due to Covid-19.
  - We are very excited to work with them.
  - Zoe and Inga will talk offline about a contract with Upstream.
  - Inga will get this to Zoe within the next week or two.
  - We will need additional volunteers in the future.
  
- Agenda Item 9- Composting Subcommittee Update:
  - **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
  - The Committee has not met since the last meeting.
  - Zoe Dohnal will close the application process so people cannot continue to apply.
  - Zoe and Jonathan will talk offline.
  
- Agenda Item 10- Items for Consideration:
  - There is nothing to add at this time.

**Other Business:**

**Agenda Item 11-**

Jonathan Greenspan updated the committee regarding the Live Like a Local Campaign and Ecology Commission. There is a new group at the High School, and they want to tackle many things.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Jonathan Greenspan and seconded by Cath Jett, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

**Reminder:**

The next Green Team Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Lambert

Senior Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Mountain Village

**2021 New Proposed Green Team Meeting Dates (Every 6 Weeks):**

- **February 9, 2021**
- **March 23, 2021**
- **May 4, 2021**
- **June 15, 2021**
- **July 27, 2021**
- **September 7, 2021**
- **October 19, 2021**
- **November 30, 2021**

**2021 Current Approved Green Team Meeting Dates (Once a Month):**

- **January 12, 2021**
- **February 9, 2021**
- **March 9, 2021**
- **April 20, 2021**
- **May 11, 2021**
- **June 8, 2021**
- **July 13, 2021**
- **August 10, 2021**
- **September 14, 2021**
- **October 12, 2021**
- **November 9, 2021**
- **December 14, 2021**

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**GREEN TEAM SOLAR SUBCOMITTEE**

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**TO:** GREEN TEAM

**FROM:** MARTI PROHASKA – SOLAR SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

**SUBJECT:** INCENTIVE PROGRAM OPTIONS, **ACTION ITEM**

**DATE:** 2/4/21

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**OVERVIEW**

In our last solar subcommittee meeting, it was determined that we need direction for how to administer the approximately \$40,000 in incentive funding earmarked for the solar program in 2021.

We determined that we cannot move forward with community outreach and promotion of this program until the parameters of the incentive have been established. Originally the program was intended to add value to the existing federal tax credits which were to sunset at the end of the year; those credits (26%) have been extended for two additional years with the most recent stimulus budget. While this allows more time for homeowners to take advantage of the federal credits, it is still imperative that the Green Team determine the best utilization of the incentive funds budgeted for this year. We agreed that this year’s program should be considered a “Pilot” with opportunities to expand and enhance in the future (pending this year’s outcomes and future budgets.)

In consideration of the options below, the Green Team should determine the target audience for this incentive program. Does this program seek to make solar installation a reality for low to moderate-income homes? Does it incentivize higher-value homes to go solar? Is there a one-size-fits-all incentive that would drive any income household to install solar? Additionally, where do HOAs fit in the scope and framework of the solar incentive program? Do special considerations need to be made to accommodate their specific needs and constraints?

The Green Team should also consider whether the existing permit fees for solar installation should be waived, reduced, or remain the same.

**OPTIONS**

**A.) 1 & 2: Town-funded Financing Program**

Under this option, the Mountain Village could subsidize loans for solar installation through one of two programs.

## 1. Interest Rate Buy-Down

Under this arrangement, the town would help lower the interest rate that property owners will have to pay to such a point that financing becomes an attractive option. In order to lower the rate, Mountain Village would make an upfront payment directly to the lender. The payment amount would need to be calculated based on the loan amount and other factors.

<https://www.energy.gov/eere/slsc/loan-loss-reserve-funds-and-other-credit-enhancements>

## 2. Loan Loss Reserve Funds

Many communities have used this framework to incentivize lenders to assume more risk than they normally would for certain loan applicants, thus providing more options for those seeking financing for solar installation. An RFP would need to be created and distributed to financial institutions in order to understand what products and options would be available and how those would lower costs for program participants.

[https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/06/f16/revfinal\\_v3ch05basicconceptsdec90.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2014/06/f16/revfinal_v3ch05basicconceptsdec90.pdf) (this is a long document, no need to read it all but the introduction gives a synopsis of how it works.)

Benefits of this approach would be that homeowners could gain significant savings on their loan. Drawbacks would be that either options would be complicated and time-consuming, and the incentive funds could be drawn down quickly.

### **B.) Low-income/Deed-restricted Rebate**

This program could work similarly to the Farm to Community, whereby the Town subsidizes solar installation for income-qualified homes. It could be a fixed rebate payment made to qualified participants (e.g. \$1600 for the first 25 qualified homes), or a percentage of the installation costs paid via rebate up to a pre-determined maximum amount (funds distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.) Non-income qualified households would still be encouraged to join the co-op, but would not receive any additional incentive outside of the reduction in installation costs negotiated through the RFP process with the installer (they could still take advantage of the SMPA rebate and the federal tax credit.)

Benefits include that more funding could become available through local (TMVOA?) or State (energy office?) grants, thereby increasing the number or participants and/or the rebate amount; and the program would be relatively simple to roll out and explain to potential participants. Drawbacks would be that the rebate amount may still not be enough for some households to afford installation costs. Only offering the additional incentive to income-qualified households could also diminish the pool of interested participants.

### **C.) Fixed Rebate for all Co-op participants**

This concept would offer a straight rebate (e.g. \$1600 for the first 25 participants) for anyone interested in joining the Co-op. Participants could have the option of donating their rebate to help a lower-income neighbor.

This is by far the simplest and most straightforward option. It would likely lead to the most participation in the co-op, which could have the potential to drive down installation costs for all

members. Concerns include that homeowners could take the rebate without really “needing” it, thereby leaving fewer rebate dollars available for those households who may have a more difficult time paying for solar and thus diminishing the pool of lower-income co-op participants.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Should the Green Team request solar installation fees be waived for this program?

- Currently the building fee for solar installation is capped at \$500/home. Assuming 25 homes participate, this would result in \$12,500 in lost revenues for the Town.
- The Green Team could also suggest a reduction in fees, amount TBD.