

**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2020
GREEN TEAM MEETING DRAFT**

The meeting of the Green Team Committee was called to order by Cath Jett on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 2:03 p.m. via Google Hangouts.

Attendance:

The following Green Team Committee members were present:

Cath Jett, Chair and Mountain Village Resident
Jonathan Greenspan, Vice-Chair and Mountain Village Resident
Patrick Berry, Mountain Village Town Council
Marti Prohaska, Mountain Village Town Council – Left at 3:00
Mike Follen, At Large Member
Marla Meredith - TMVOA Member
Erin Kress - TSG Member
Inga Johansson - Alternate Member

The following were also in attendance:

Zoe Dohnal, Business Development & Sustainability Manager (Staff)
Christina Lambert, Deputy Town Clerk (Staff)
Todd Brown, Town of Telluride
Karen G, Town of Telluride
Drew Harrington, Building Department (Staff)

Consideration of Approval of Minutes:

September 8th, 22nd, & 29th, 2020 Green Team Committee Meeting

On a **MOTION** by Inga Johansson and seconded by Jonathan Greenspan, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to approve the September 8th, 22nd, & 29th, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion and Committee Follow Up/Next Steps:

- Agenda Item 4- Appointment of a Secretary for Green Team
 - **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee and asked for a volunteer.
 - Inga Johansson volunteered to take position with support from Jonathan Greenspan.
 - On a **MOTION** by Cath Jett and seconded by Jonathan Greenspan, the Green Team Committee unanimously voted to approve Inga Johansson as the new secretary.

- Agenda Item 5- Review of plastic usage in Mountain Village businesses:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and reviewed the informal Mountain Village Restaurants and Bars Plastic Usage Survey.
- A majority of businesses have made significant efforts to reduce single-use plastic. Almost all business have adopted informal upon request only policies. An alarming lack of recycling within each establishment was observed. Jonathan expressed concern for upcoming January 1st deadline to move toward a more formal ordinance.
- Todd Brown informed committee that The Town of Telluride has everything ready to move towards an ordinance, but they are waiting for the state to take action on the preemption bill.
- Patrick encouraged committee to reach out to Paul Wisser and get opinion on legality stating council would reject anything that implied legal consequences.
- Committee **DIRECTED** Inga Johansson to set up a meeting with the sub committee to discuss next steps.

□ Agenda Item 6- Consideration of creating a subcommittee for the Solar Incentive Program:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Zoe expresses Town Councils request for specific details about the project including a general plan and impact assessment. Zoe recommended participation from building department as well.
- Drew recommended working with the town's current building code and investigation of alternative per panel rebate system versus the current KW rebate system
- Marti volunteered to chair the subcommittee with Marla, Pete, Drew and Cath as support.
- Subcommittee formation was supported unanimously by Green Team Committee.

□ Agenda Item 7- Presentation of and approval of Final Quarterly Report to be submitted at the October regularly scheduled Town Council meeting:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented this item to the committee for approval.
- Green Team unanimously approved Report "as is" to submit to Town Council.

□ Agenda Item 8- Finalize 2021 Lotus Engineering Contract:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Zoe Dohnal presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Zoe reviewed adjustment of contract to include regional greenhouse gas reporting. Lotus will provide comparison reports and all documents will be accessible to public. Zoe noted Lotus calculation metric for emissions differs from EAP.
- Patrick expressed concern for participation of local municipalities with two different reports being produced.
- Karen requested clarification for how Lotus would move forward with collecting this data from local municipalities.

- Committee **DIRECTED** Zoe to produce specifics on municipal data collection strategy from Lotus before proceeding to approve 2021 contract.

□ Agenda Item 9- 2021 Work Plan:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Cath Jett presented the following items to the committee and discussion took place:
 1. Green Tips
 - Team discussed need for participation of every Green Team Member. Discussion took place about original intent of simple and straight forward tips and tools for the community.
 - Green Team unanimously agreed to sign up for one month in the current google drive document before the November Green Team Meeting.
 2. Mountain Village Clean-Up Day
 - Mike expressed interest in creating a more coordinated effort between organizations carrying out similar initiatives.
 - Jonathan Greenspan recommended reaching out to the Ecology Commission chair.
 - Green Team **DIRECTED** the sub-committee to investigate option of increasing frequency of events, combining efforts with local organizations and expanding concept to include recycling and electronic waste collection.
 3. Composting Program
 - Only change to previous work plan will be addition of community composting trailer.
 - Patrick expressed concern with Biocompet composting units with their performance and with the slow response in fixing problems. He expressed a need to evaluate performance this year and consider possible alternatives.
 4. Voluntary Single-use Plastics Resolution Implementation and Plan
 - Inga clarified January 2021 as official start for collaboration with Upstream Consulting Firm and will move forward with setting up sub committee meeting to discuss work plan and next steps.
 - Jonathan expressed concern about the need for an official RFP process.
 - Zoe will inform Inga of any further action needed.
 5. General Green Team Communication and Education
 - Zoe clarified funding would support communication efforts only and reminded team of the current budget variance of \$11,015 to provide room for unexpected expenditures.
 6. Green team Dues and Fees
 - Dues will be paid to Sneffels Energy board and CC4CA and discussion took place about the increasing value and effectiveness of CC4CA.
 7. Solar Rebate Initiative
 - Discussion took place about Solar United Neighbors.

- The firm was recommended to Cath by The Climate Reality Project and have expertise in ski resort communities. Cath explained the firm's costs were included in the \$50,000 budget allocation.
- Zoe will communicate with Cath to decide if formal RFP process will be required to move forward.

□ Agenda Item 10- Items for Consideration: Cath Jett presented the following items to the committee and discussion took place.

- Beaver Issue
Continual discussion between Public Works and TSG. Zoe reminded team that this is not on our work plan but we may write a letter in support of mitigation. Erin agreed to informally remind Jeff.
- Weed Spraying
Cath was approached by several community members concerned about lack of notification for spraying. Zoe will communicate complaints to JT and town staff to try and promote earlier notification and increase current outreach to residents of Mountain Village.

Other Business:

- Mike Follen will be relocating at the end of the month and presented his resignation from the Green Team. Zoe expressed the need to move forward with finding someone to fill his seat.
- Jonathan Greenspan brought the following concerns to the committee.
 1. The need for procurement policies within the town for recycling items. There is a need to define current policies and how to change or improve them to stimulate an economy for recycled items within the town.
 2. Living Like a Local messaging is underway. He proposed using parking garages and other high traffic areas to promote the message for tourists.
 3. Mountain Village Market and TMVOA are currently moving forward with a waste processing area behind the building. After months of conversation to encourage the use of the space for a broader recycling area, he expressed disappointment to hear that the town will move forward with landfill option only. Jonathan expressed the need to lead by example and move our Zero Waste mission forward as a town within the government facilities. He also expressed the ongoing need for open space to move forward with implementing a local waste processing and receiving facility within the town. Marla agreed to contribute to moving this discussion forward in partnership with Jonathan.
 4. While the decals on trash receptacles were updated, Jonathan expressed concern that the openings have not been adjusted and make recycling very hard.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Johnathan Greenspan and seconded by Marla Meredith, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Reminder:

The next Green Team Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mountain Village Town Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Inga Johansson
Green Team Alternate Member