

**TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021  
GREEN TEAM MEETING**

The meeting of the Green Team Committee was called to order by Patrick Berry on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:02 p.m. via Zoom.

**Zoom Attendance:**

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

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

**The following were absent:**

Cath Jett, Mountain Village Resident

**The following were also in attendance:**

Zoe Dohnal, Business Development & Sustainability Director (Staff)  
Christina Lambert, Senior Deputy Town Clerk (Staff)  
Michael Otto, Forester/GIS assistant (Staff)  
Delanie Young  
Karen Guglielmore  
Heather Knox  
Mandy Miller  
Carly West

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

Agenda Item 2- Delanie Young informed the committee that house bill 1162 has gone through appropriations as is to the house. And will be heard around 6:30 p.m. tonight and you can watch online.

**Consideration of Approval of Minutes:**

Agenda Item 3- March 23, 2021 Green Team Committee Meeting Minutes

On a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Marti Prohaska, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to approve the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

## Discussion and Committee Follow Up/Next Steps:

### ➤ Agenda Item 4- Update on Forest Health:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Mike Otto presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Wildfires are our biggest risk, and our most important goal is to prevent fires.
- Our management goals for fire mitigation can apply to forest health in many ways.
- There are insect problems- spruce bud worm is already here. You can see it on Spruce and fir, and they are damaging insects.
- We are also seeing more and more bark beetle outbreaks.
- We have been working on trying to protect mature trees and these are the ones being attached. We have a real concern.
- Currently our plan of action is aggressive management.
- We are reaching out to homeowners and we are offering the fire mitigation incentive program.
- Our first priority- we are currently working on a project outside of Town Hall that is a hazard problem.
- Each one of these projects are expensive so we have limitations.
- We are actively working toward managing our open spaces.
- We could consider rewriting or updating the forest health plan in the future.
- Marti notified the committee that this month there is going to be a forest health series that is being put on by the Sheep Mountain Alliance, the library, the Town of Telluride, and the Ecology Commission.

### ➤ Agenda Item 5- Fines for Littering:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- There are many communities that have increased their fines for littering.
- We need to make sure we provide enough bins for recycling that are easy to get to.
- When is the last time a littering ticket was given out?
- Jonathan would like to see this group give a recommendation to Council to increase littering fines.
- A lot of trash cans are overflowing or there were not enough cans.
- The staff has this on the front of their minds. Staff has been working on this.
- Jonette suggested that we get trash cans on the walking paths and golf course.
- Inappropriate signs were posted.
- Zoe requested that Jonette send a picture to staff. Patrick would like to see this as well since it is Telski property.
- We can discuss this at budget time.
- Zoe will be working with Erin on this offline.
- We will continue to communicate about picking up your dog waste in the Town communications.

- Zoe will also get with Inga offline about trash signage and messaging.
- **We can invite Finn and JD to speak during the next meeting. We will add this on the next agenda.**
- Patrick and Marti are supportively discussing this at the Council level.
- We can have a discussion regarding this at budget time.

➤ Agenda Item 6- CDC/Installing EV Chargers for New Construction:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Zoe spoke with Michelle; we do have a contract with Tesla, and we plan to install 6-8 super chargers for the community in the Gondola parking structure.
- You could be using ghost power if it goes unused and that electricity could be wasted.
- Patrick stated that he cannot personally support requiring electric chargers, but he does support a potential incentive program.
- This is something we can discuss further when we are working on the work plan process.
- Marti agrees with Patrick.

➤ Agenda Item 7- Solar Subcommittee Update:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Marti Prohaska presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- We had a great week; we have the installer chosen.
- We had 4 different installers reply to the RFP.
- We will announce who was selected very soon!
- We are still working on the marketing and finalizing the contracts.
- Solar united neighbors really felt that the bids we received were very strong especially for our location.
- We have reached the 30-person co-op threshold goal (15 were deed restricted).
- There is no cost involved for signing up for the co-op.
- The deadline to sign up for the co-op is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

➤ Agenda Item 8- Clean Up Day Subcommittee Update:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan and Marla Meridith presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- We have not met since the last meeting.
- Jonathan will get the application back to Zoe soon.
- We should move forward with planning something bigger, and we can always scale back if needed.

- We are planning on partnering with the Telluride Mountain Club and Visit Telluride and they will cross promote the clean-up days.

➤ Agenda Item 9- Planet Over Plastics Update:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Inga Johansson presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- We met on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.
- We discussed HB 1162.
- We are working with the County to move forward with the reusables program.
- There will be a nonrefundable fee.
- We talked about goal setting.
- We still want to focus small scale for now.
- We really want to focus on reusables instead of alternatives. There is a lot of data supporting this.
- Zoe could not make the meeting, but she did express that we should consider finding another consulting firm to help up navigate through policy.
- Jonathan is working on a survey that we are going to present to the businesses.
- Inga is meeting with Zoe this week to discuss the website.

➤ Agenda Item 10- Composting Subcommittee Update:

- **NEXT STEPS:** Jonathan Greenspan presented this item to the committee and discussion took place.
- Zoe will reach out to Mark and assist him as needed, and we can use some of the composting budget if needed.
- We cannot “play favorites”
- We need to partner with him, he will need to use Green Team logo.
- Patrick will confirm the date of the meeting.
- Zoe will join the in-person meeting as well.

**Other Business:**

Agenda Item 11-

Mandy Miller and Carly West with Black Hills Energy presented. They discussed their goals and spoke about what they are working around regarding sustainability. They are interested in presenting to the Committee in the future when there is more time available to present.

Patrick Berry stated that HB1132 passed. This adds transparently and more responsibility to electric co-ops. This is a huge win.

Jonathan Greenspan stated that we got the thumbs up regarding reusables for the protentional pilot education program when the grant process becomes available.

There being no further business, on a **MOTION** by Patrick Berry and seconded by Marti Prohaska, the Green Team Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

**Reminder:**

The next Green Team Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Lambert

Senior Deputy Town Clerk  
Town of Mountain Village