

Basalt Green Team Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017

Basalt Town Hall

Attendees: Susan Philp, Amanda Poindexter, Phillip Ring, Sarah Gruen

Absent: Gerry Terwilliger, Auden Schendler

Guests: Doug Goldsmith (Mountain Waste & Recycling), Dave Reindel (Evergreen Zero Waste),

Ryan Laemel (Rocky Mountain Institute), Dave Mullaney (Rocky Mountain Institute), Watkins

Fulk-Gray (Town of Basalt)

Agenda items:

1. Introductions & Green Team background
2. Glass recycling update
3. Building energy assessment update
4. Silt hydro project
5. High 5 update
6. General updates & upcoming events

Action items & next steps:

1. Follow-up on glass recycling kiosks (Amanda)
2. Finalize Town facility assessment and send to team (Sarah)
3. Get more information on Silt hydro project (Phillip, Ryan, Sarah)
4. Develop content for Green Team webpage (Doug, Sarah and Dave M.)
5. Attend B Talk series at RMI & June 10th events in Basalt, and bring a friend (All)
6. Send event calendar (Watkins)
7. Find out if CORE can get a Tesla, BMW and Ford Leaf at June 10th car show (Sarah/Susan)
8. Get trash diversion rate for Basalt (Doug)

Notes:

Green Team background

- Informal beginnings, created in 2009 at request of council
- Early success: Basalt won a voluntary bag reduction contest hosted by the Colorado Association of Ski Towns
- Has been a tenacious committee, helping to devise projects and to secure grant funds
- Past projects include: solar PV at Middle School, green event checklist, leadership on plastic bag ban, construction codes, streetlight LED upgrade, among others

Glass recycling update

- Rather than having individual kiosks around town, it looks like there is movement for two runoffs (one at Pitkin County Landfill; one at South Canyon) for individuals to drop-off. Clear Intentions out of Denver would be responsible for pickup. Amanda will know more next week.
- Concerns about kiosks include: waste (not just glass) will be ditched there, inadequate pickup frequency

Silt hydro

- Would the Town consider buying the power at an above-market rate? The Green Team wants more information!
- This is a great opportunity to see more locally-generated renewable energy – would work to meet 100% renewable goal

- Is energy efficiency on Town facilities the better bang for the buck?
- The hydro project is on Xcel Energy's grid, is Holy Cross Energy open to purchasing it?

High 5

- Pledge to take five actions, five high-elevation towns and a celebratory high five!
- Sign up online to participate – prizes!
- Focused on engaging and inspiring community to act (rather than just rebate dollars and lower bills)

General updates & upcoming events

- Evergreen Zero Waste is working to ensure compost is up-and-running at the Farmers Market
- More town composting starts here! Have compostable cups at the Council meeting room
- Mountain Waste considering commissioning a study to better understand the diversion rate in Basalt
- 22 EVs sold during bulk purchase program (goal is 40)
- Unfortunately, a grant application for new EV charging station was not approved. The current EV station is working, but the company that supplied it has gone out of business and cannot do maintenance on it now.
- We-cycle passes available to all, with support from the Eagle County CAP
- BTalks (May 18th)
- Crown Mountain (June 3rd)
- Classic Car Show + art walk (June 10th)