

Basalt Green Team
April 13, 2020
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Via Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Susan Philp, Sara Nadolny, Gerry Terwilliger, Mike Steiner, Martin Bonzi, Phi Filerman, Mary Weiner, Amanda Poindexter, Doug Goldsmith, Chris Howard

Susan introduced that COVID will have an affect on the Town's overall budget. 60% of budget comes from sales tax. Averaging about 20% reduction in budget. Which projects can be paused until the end of the year or 2021?

- Moved cold-climate heat pump project to 2021
 - o 50% of revenue coming from General Fund
 - o Frees up some funds (\$50k) to fill a gap
 - \$20k can be spent out of this.
 - o \$20k code amendments – require solar on new residential, LEED neighborhood requirements, road map to get to green goals, benchmarking...
 - o Advertising/PR also cut. How to get public to reduce GHG emissions.
- Pool
 - o Most energy inefficient municipal structure
 - o Doesn't make sense to go full electric

Phi:

- Udall grants on hold for CORE until further notice
- Rolled out HERS trainings, works for Pitkin County & Carbondale codes

Amanda:

- Complete commercial building inspecting license, already has residential
- USGBC - virtual for 2020, will work for SBR trainings
- Carbondale: Strategies: sliding scale for HERS rating for different sized homes

Doug – business as usual. Volumes of residential trash up, recycling up. Significant volume. A few more have signed up for composting. Landfills are closed to residential people driving up, except for specific hours on M/W/F. Cannot keep up with demand for hand washing stations and sanitizing stations.

Mike – talked with TOB regarding residential battery storage program for summer. Working with many jurisdictions on permitting process, hoping to streamline. Install battery. 1,000 residential batteries rolled out and deployed this summer. Resiliency standpoint – backup power. Payment of \$20-\$30/month. Can store from grid, 2-4 hr discharge. If give HCE some control, they can release charges

during peak periods. Can couple with PV. Roll out some rebates next month. Later in the year may see a commercial battery. Webinar to follow.

Sara & Mike talked about the installation of the Level 2 charge on Two Rivers Rd.

Mary – Rolled out Peak Time Payback – if you show kilowatt savings you get money rolled back to you on your bill. Get Basalt enrolled in program.

Shawn LeMons – never know what new equipment may be available next year for heat pump. Says to let him know once we're ready to get back into it.

HCE could pair with TOB w/marketing money to promote renewable energy.

Martin – rescheduling events at AGCI. Have a large archive of videos from 30 years, working on putting together a sample to share with educational institutions. Access to really good research.

Shared information from NREL.

Chris – still doing solar installs

Susan – how to do green measures that help our business community. Not “luxuries.”

Next Meeting May 11th.