



**DATE:** July 9, 2021  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Ryan Mahoney, Town Manager  
**RE:** Weekly Update  
**CC:** Department Heads

Town Staff met with the Capital Needs Committee to discuss capital projects and gather feedback on what information is needed so they can make a recommendation to Council. Additionally, Bill Ray shared information on the community survey results. These will be presented to Council on Tuesday evening.

Staff continues to work with Pitkin County and Holy Cross Energy to refine our broadband project. We have been working with an engineer and Holy Cross on fiber routing which has been changed some since we now must underground much of the project. Unfortunately, we were not able to use several key poles as they turned out to be inadequate to accommodate the fiber. The project is still going to provide new underground fiber to the Library, Town Hall and will pass directly in front of the River Park project. This effort brings fiber to the doorstep of Midland which could then be extended underground as a second phase. We hope to continue seeking grant funds for more fiber in the future. If the Town pursues the Midland Avenue streetscape project, that would be an appropriate time to bring fiber underground to those businesses.

### **Police**

Over the last week fell the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and we are pleased to report our community was calm and there were no calls for fireworks!

We continue to work with the Planning Department on many different event applications for this summer.

Our annual National Night Out is fast approaching (Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>) and our staff continues to work on the planning to have another successful community event.

### **Public Works**

Public Works, in coordination with our regional Water Commissioner, worked to remove a log that had become stuck in a head gate. The head gate is on the Roaring Fork River and regulates the water level in the Williams Ditch. The Town has rights to the ditch and helps to maintain the different levels depending on the water needs.

Public Works staff has been working on the 2022 budget. Budgeting is never easy but with the volatility of supplies and cost of labor and material in the current economy it is extra challenging. When we do decide we need to replace a vehicle or a large piece of equipment, for example, we are now expecting that it could take up to a year to receive it.

The Public Works irrigation guys has been busy this week. On top of their routine maintenance, they have had two irrigation supply lines hit by excavation contractors. One line hit was in Riverside Park and the other was a new construction project in Willits. Most of the time the utilities are located but irrigation is not considered a utility. So, the notice is not sent out to locate irrigation lines. Locating irrigation lines would prove to be difficult since it is plastic and there is no tracing wire to help locate it anyway. When an irrigation line or device is hit, the Town and the contractor work together to make the repair.

## Planning

**Arbaney Pool-** The Planning Staff has been coordinating construction items and details with Rudd, SGM, and Connect One Design and POST on the pool renovation project. Staff and the contractors are working toward an early July opening of the pool facilities. The POST Committee's page on the Town's website includes more information on the Arbaney Pool project.



**Basalt Center Circle Application** – The P&Z began its review of the Basalt Center Circle Sketch Plan and Rezoning Application with a site visit and public hearing on Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. The application was initially continued to Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>. However, the Applicant and Staff felt that more time was necessary to respond to P&Z questions and comments. The next substantive discussion will be on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BPAC** – The Commission intends to have an update with Town Council on July 27 to discuss its 2022 work plan and budget.

**BACH** – The Commission had an introductory meeting with Applicants for the Sopris Meadows Parcel 5 application which was continued for further discussion to the next BACH meeting. BACH also reviewed a SHEC request to waive the allowable number of individuals in a unit, which was not supported by BACH.

**Basalt River Park Development** – Prep work for the construction of the foundation for the restaurant has started. Staff has been working on issuance of the full building permit for the restaurant. Additionally, Staff and the Town Attorney have been working on finalizing the remainder of the entitlement documents. Building permit applications have been submitted and are under review for some of the townhome units on the west side of the development.

**Basalt River Park Improvements** – Phase 1 of the Park Project went out to bid for the work to be completed in 2021. Bids were due and were received on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Council is scheduled to discuss the contract for the construction work at its meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Basalt Early Childhood Coalition** – The Coalition discussed releasing the childcare needs survey, the projects considered for the Basalt Forward 2030 initiative, and the advancement of an early childhood development center on Parcel 2E.

**Two Rivers Road Improvements** – Staff has been working on details of this project. FCI Constructors along with United Companies are planning to start the road project next week, on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Staff has been coordinating with RFTA regarding construction implications on the downtown bus stop on Two Rivers Road to ensure continued bus service during construction.

**Fiber Project** – Staff continued to have discussion with Holy Cross and HR Green regarding the installation of fiber infrastructure in conjunction with several construction projects. Staff has been working to integrate conduit into some of the upcoming projects, so we are ready for fiber.

**NWCCOG** – Staff attended virtually the NWCCOG meeting. Various updates were given, including that an entity in Eagle County is using NWCCOG’s foundation as the holder for donations to a trail maintenance fundraiser. The 2022 dues will be increasing 7.7%, or \$363, and the invoice will be sent next month.

**Mid-Valley Center Lot 4** – Council approved the development plan and associated ordinance for this development. The civil work for Phase 1 of that project is scheduled to go out to bid next week with the pole barn going out to bid in early August.

**Building Permit Coordination** – Until a new Building Official is hired and on board, we have increased the role of consultants and Staff to get the work done. As noted in last week’s report, a foundation permit was issued for the first building in Stott’s Mill, a 12-unit apartment building and reviews continued on several other buildings.

**Development Review/Applications** - Staff spent considerable time working on items associated with the construction activities. Additionally, Staff has been working on numerous administrative development review applications that take Staff time but that do not require review by the P&Z or Town Council. Staff also spent time on responding to complaints and working on land use applications.

**Special Events** – Staff is busy permitting numerous special events in the coming weeks.