



Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024

3:30 PM

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1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Steiner, Mary Wiener, Rebecca Paschal, Shashi Neerukonda, Joseph Goodman

Members Absent: Andrew Wickes, Morgan Fixel

Town staff: Greg LeBlanc, Sam Guarino, Snowmass Water and Sanitation: Darrell Smith,

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 5, 2023: Minutes for approval

[12-05-23 EAB Minutes.pdf](#) 

Joseph motioned to approve the 12-5-23 minutes. Rebecca seconded. All in favor.

3) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.a) [Swearing in new EAB members](#)

The Board welcomes three new members: Mary Wiener representing CORE, Rebecca Paschal, and Shashi Neerukonda. These accomplished individuals were officially sworn in. Additionally, we extend our appreciation to the re-elected members, Mike Steiner and Andrew Wickes, for their continued commitment.

To acquaint the new board members, each attendee at the meeting provided a brief overview of their background and why they want to be on the board.

- Rebecca has worked for Alpine Bank for the past 23 years. She wants to be on the board to stay informed about environmental initiatives in Snowmass and find ways to improve them.
- Barb- The town office manager and works as the secretary for the board.
- Shashi works at Roaring Fork Conservancy and believes everyone should give back to their community. She has experience working with public-private partnerships and looks forward to working with the EAB board.

- Darrel Smith- Darrel is an unofficial member who works for the Snowmass Water and Sanitation District as the Water Resources/Conservation Specialist. His ideas and input are very helpful.
- Sam Guarino is the town's transportation director. The transportation department is one of the largest contributors to emissions, so it always looks for ideas to reduce them.
- Joseph Goodman- Joseph has 20 years of experience in the energy industry and would like to see EAB work with the Town Council to establish sustainable energy efficiency goals.
- Mike Steiner works at Holy Cross Energy, assisting with key accounts, helping them achieve their renewable energy goals and programs, and educating members on Holy Cross goals.
- Mary Wiener is the Senior Energy Concierge for C.O.R. E. The Town is currently working with C.O.R.E. to develop building performance standards, benchmarking, and Building IQ that will help the Town reach its 2030 Climate action goals.
- Greg LeBlanc is the Asst. Town Manager and Staff Liaison for the EAB board. Greg prepares the agendas, sets the meetings, and works with the Town departments on any EAB initiative. Greg has a background in biology and chemistry and was an environmental consultant while working for the State. Feel free to contact Greg if you have any questions or want to add items to the agenda.

3.b) Greg provided the new members with an overview of meeting procedures and a brief background on current EAB projects. (Greg will be sending out more information to the new board members)

- Try to keep meetings at 90 minutes.
- The board is an advisory group to the Town Council. Its role is to identify problems, discuss them, find solutions, and present them to the Council.
- The Town has hired CORE to work with large commercial landlords, developers, and the Town to develop ways to reduce emissions.
- EAB presented a letter to the Council asking to ban small gas-powered engines (Greg will have the response from the Council at the next meeting)
- Snowmass Water and Sanitation is working on a marketing program to reduce single-use plastic bottles.

4) UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Board Chair selection
2. Response letter from Council concerning small gas-powered engines.
3. EAB comments on Town projects – Draw Site Housing Project & SkiCo Master Plan
4. Darrel will provide an update on the single-use marketing campaign.

5) C.O.R.E UPDATE

- CORE and the Town are working on better community outreach and marketing so more residents know what is available.
- CORE has contracted with Ryland French to work on the Snowmass Electrification Study
- There will be new rebates for 2024 that will complement the Holy Cross rebates.

6) H.C.E. UPDATE

- Holy Cross will be rolling out a new on-bill financing payment program around the end of the 2nd quarter to help with the cost of installing new heat pumps.
- We will be working with the Town and CORE in the coming months on multifamily locations.
- Holy Cross will be 90% renewable energy this year.
- Hope to see new locally focused projects starting in the 2nd Quarter.
- Installing more EV stations in Snowmass
- Holy Cross is continuing all the rebates.

7) NEXT MEETING DATE

- February 6th, 2024

8) NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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9) ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm