



Environmental Advisory Board

Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

3:30 PM

130 Kearns Road

Town Council Chambers

Snowmass Village, CO, 81615

You can watch the meeting live online on our website at tosv.com

1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Andrew Wickes, Joseph Goodman, Mike Steiner, Morgan Fixel, Jamie McMannis (CORE representative)

Members Absent: Chris Tullar, Kirby Jacobs

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

2) Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes

[09-05-23 E.A.B. Minutes.pdf](#) 

Andrew Wickes motioned to approve the 09-05-23 Minutes. Morgan Fixel seconded. All in favor.

3) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3a. Board Membership Update

3 Board seats are due to expire, and so far, 2 have applications have been received. The Board is encouraged to send out Emails encouraging friends to apply.

Once the board seats have been finalized, the Board will need to nominate a chair.

3b. Composting & Recycling Update

The Board discussed ways to promote and encourage residents to compost.

- Marketing has already begun educating residents on what can be recycled
- Free composting bags are now available at Public Works and Town Hall
- Create a Q.R. code explaining what is compostable
- Greg will look at all the options provided by Teracycle to see if this could be something to add next to the trash dumpsters. Greg will investigate the cost efficiency of the all-in-one zero waste boxes. This would be for items you can't take to the landfill.
- Staff will look into adding battery and light bulb drop-off locations

3c. Sustainability Survey Update

To get the highest response, the Board agreed that adding Sustainability questions to the Community Survey would be the most effective. The Community Survey is scheduled to go out in either April or May.

3d. Small Gas-powered Machines

Joseph discussed the global impact of leaf blowers, snow blowers, and other gas-powered equipment.

Points from the discussion:

- Snowmass is getting overwhelmed by noise pollution from using two-stroke powered equipment.
- Holy Cross does offer incentives for purchasing the electrification version of these machines.
- Research will need to be done to see if the electric model works for commercial use
- Morgan pointed out that noise pollution could affect wildlife migration patterns and natural habitats

Sam posted links to articles referring to this topic.

<https://www.aspentimes.com/news/colorado-could-ban-the-sale-of-gas-powered-mowers-and-blowers-beginning-in-2025/>

<https://www.aspen.gov/329/Noise#:~:text=The%20Aspen%20City%20Council%20banned,citizen%20petition%20requesting%20a%20ban.>

<https://coloradosun.com/2023/04/26/colorado-gas-mowers-blowers-sale-ban/>

The Board agrees to present a letter to the Council recommending banning 2-stroke motors within Town limits.

Joseph will draft the letter. If other Board members have suggestions, send them to Joseph.

Andrew motions to Draft a letter asking the Council to consider banning 2-stroke motors within City limits to address air quality and noise pollution. The Town needs to preserve and protect open spaces and our environment to ensure that nature is and remains the landscape's dominant feature.

Morgan seconded the motion All in favor.

Joseph will bring the draft to the next meeting.

4) UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- Review draft letter for Council.
- Follow-up with the TeraCycle program
- Continue the discussion on the campaign to reduce single-use bottles

5) HCE UPDATE

Holy Cross is working with the Town to add additional E.V. charging stations, one level 3 and two level 2 units.

Holy Cross is continuing with Commercial Batteries with the Power Plus program.

6) C.O.R.E UPDATE

CORE supported the following projects in Snowmass so far in 2023:

- 6 commercial rebates- 1,691.28 MTCO₂e
- 4 Residential Rebates- 253.36 MTCO₂e

Of these 10 projects, there were.

- 3 Heat Pumps (residential)
- 1 Windows (residential)
- 4 lighting (commercial)
- 1 Energy Management (commercial)
- 1 Air Sealing/Insulation (commercial)

7) NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, December 5

8) NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Darrell Smith from Snowmass Water and Sanitation spoke on the campaign Snowmass Water and Sanitation is putting together around water conservation. The tentative motto is "Snowmass is stream feed," secondary bylines, every drop counts, help us conserve....

Darrell asks the Board if they want to combine the Snowmass Water and Sanitation campaign with promoting reusable water flasks. Branded messaging about the quality of Snowmass water and not buying single-use water bottles. Slogan: "Don't waste the good stuff."

Options on how to promote and incentivize:

- Put in Hotel welcome packets
- Display in local businesses
- Install water stations
- Work with the grocery stores and distributors they deal with
- Look into possible Aspen Skiing Company partnership

Joseph provided this link <https://drinkpathwater.com/>

Order samples to have at the next meeting

9) ADJOURNMENT