



## 2022 Ridgway Town Councilors

### Mayor John Clark



Mayor Clark is a native Coloradan and has lived in Ridgway since 1982. After making his living as a glass artist for a quarter century, John made the rather unconventional switch to Apple-specific computer consultant. “I enjoy helping people get along with technology, instead of feeling like they’re always fighting it,” he says. John was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Ridgway Town Council in 2000 and was elected mayor in April 2012. He is now in his twelfth term on Council and in his sixth term as mayor. Additionally, he has been on the Ridgway Planning Commission since the mid ‘80s, with only a one-year hiatus in 1999. Regarding his tenure on the Town Council and the Planning Commission, John says, “I really enjoy working in local government; it’s the best. It’s important to look for a balance of the best interests of everyone in Town. I care very much about our wonderful community and strive to keep it moving in a positive direction and, most importantly, at a manageable rate.”

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### Mayor Pro Tem Russell (Russ) Meyer



Mayor Pro Tem Russ Meyer started on Ridgway Town Council in April 2019. He also serves on the Ouray County Joint Planning Board and Ouray County Water Users Association. Prior to living in Ridgway, Russ worked for Exxon/ExxonMobil for 36 years in a number of roles and assignment locations around the world including, but not limited to, Russia, China, Canada, Chad, Cameroon, and Angola. Having finished his career as a project manager on various IT/Telecommunications projects, Russ decided to run for Town Council to ensure the voice of the community was being represented. He strives to maintain the sense of community that helps to make Ridgway what it is. Russ and his wife, Crista, have been in the Ridgway area since 2012, and moved here full time in 2017.

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### Councilor Beth Lakin



Beth Lakin was sworn in on Town Council in April 2019. She has made Ridgway home since 2013 and teaches high school science in Ouray. Beth studied chemistry at Bates College (BS, 2008) and oceanography at Oregon State University (MS, 2010) before being called to the mountains. Beth is passionate about Ridgway, her chosen home, and is proud to look out for its best interests as a Council member. When not teaching, attending Council and committee meetings, or attending to projects at home, she can usually be found in the mountains with her beloved pup.

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### Councilor Terry Schuyler

Councilor Terry Schuyler began his term on the Town Council in April 2020. Terry moved to Colorado in 1982 to work at the Solar Energy Research Institute (now NREL) in Golden, CO. He has worked in the solar industry for more than 42 years. Terry now serves as the Energy Services and Key Accounts Executive at SMPA here in Ridgway, where he manages the renewable energy programs. Terry relocated from a remote



mountain area west of Fort Collins in 2017 to build his home here and has become involved locally in the Ridgway Ouray Community Council's Clean Energy and Dark Sky Committees, the Sneffels Energy Board, and the Ouray Elks Lodge. His pastimes include all things outdoors (hiking, biking, tele-skiing) and at lower altitudes, scuba diving and underwater photography. Terry "gets his cowboy on" as a member of the Single Action Shooting Society. You may see him out with his two Malamutes, Kaya and Chief Niwot.

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**Councilor Kevin Grambley**



Councilor Kevin Grambley was elected to Ridgway Town Council in April 2020. Kevin first arrived in Southwest Colorado during the winter of 1997/98 and moved to Ridgway full time in 2006. His background includes a degree in Economic Geography from Pennsylvania State University (BS, 1997) and a near 20-year career in aerial surveying and remote sensing that has taken him to project sites in 26 different countries worldwide. Kevin shares his life here in Ridgway with his wife, Ashley, and their three pups. When not working, Kevin can generally be found soaking up the sun on the sidewalk or enjoying live music at the Sherbino Theater. Kevin is passionate about our little town, "the center of the universe," as he likes to call it, and is thrilled to be an active participant in Ridgway's future.

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**Councilor Polly Enochs**



Councilor Polly Enochs was elected to Ridgway Town Council in April 2022. Polly was born in Colorado and split her time between Southwestern Ohio and Empire, CO growing up. After moving to Colorado full time in 2009 she spent her time primarily on the front range. After an epic road trip, where she discovered the beauty of the western slope, she moved to Ridgway full time in 2018. Her background includes a degree in Psychology from Colorado State University (BS, 2014) and years of customer service, hospitality, and sales. Polly shares her life here in Ridgway with her (soon-to-

be) husband, Nick. When not working, Polly can generally be found enjoying the sun on hikes with Nick, performing music with one of several bands she is a singer in, or cooking for friends. Polly loves this town, and is passionate about keeping the small town feel in the midst of the inevitable changes coming. Polly could not be more excited to be of service to the community.

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**Councilor JT Thomas**



Councilor JT Thomas was elected to Ridgway Town council in April 2022. He describes his credo this way: The great Chilean poet Pablo Neruda had a long and narrow dining table at his Santiago home at which he would gather other poets, artists, scientists, military officers and academics and intentionally place those with opposing politics directly opposite each other. JT Thomas embraces the same philosophy, metaphorically and practically, and carries those influences into his service here in Ridgway, Colorado. As a photojournalist and educator with a focus on science and environmental issues, JT has spent most of his life traversing watersheds on all continents to better understand the relationships between the inhabitants and the

natural resources upon which they depend. The same holds true for JT here in the Uncompahgre River Valley where nurturing a deeper relationship with our watershed translates into working collaboratively with all resident stakeholders in order to develop our growing community in a sustainable and convivial manner.

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