



# Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

## Aug 7, 2024

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were, Joyce Huang, Ken Mihelich, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier and Terry Schuyler. Staff representative Deb Overton was also present. Angela Hawse and Dana Ivers were absent.

### 2. Review Updated Design Concept for the Green Street Park Master Plan

There was discussion regarding the 50% reduction of solar that was depicted in the new concept. The Board expressed their concerns that the solar that was in the plan, was placed around the Park in a manner that was no longer cost effective.

Terry provided the history of the project and noted that the DOLA grant funds expired for a solar array, but SMPA will be looking for other funding opportunities.

Dave and Joyce suggested that the Board attend the next Council meeting and voice their concerns about the new design and recommend that the solar be increased and that it be moved to the south end of the Park to make it more cost efficient for the Town and for SMPA's consideration for future funding.

### 3. Update regarding the EV Ride & Drive Event

Dave noted that EcoAction Partners prepared the poster for the event that will happen on Saturday, Aug 10<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of the Railroad Museum. He said an ad in the local paper will come out on Thursday and he is hoping that he will have some help putting up signs around Town Park during the Arts & Crafts Fair that day, directing people to the event. He said SMPA will also be there to talk about the rebates that are available. He is expecting to have 4 Electric car dealers as well as some electric motorcycles, scooters, snowblowers etc available.

### 4. Review and prioritize SAB Pending Action Items

The Board reviewed the current list of pending action items and agreed to prioritize them as follows;

1. **Request to Council - 2025 Budget** – The Board discussed the need for funding for upcoming events and projects for the 2025 budget year. It was agreed that they would like to ask Council for the following funding.
  - \$1000.00 – EV Ride & Drive - advertising, printing costs for flyers/posters, snacks & refreshments.
  - \$1000.00 – 2025 MT2030 Annual Conference - registration, food and lodging for 1-2 SAB Board members.
  - \$200.00 – Website hosting (\$50), promotional materials for electrification
2. **Provide Information to Builders regarding Electrification and upcoming Code Changes**
3. **Update SAB website** – Dave and David. Ken Mihelich will also assist upon request.
4. **Electrification of Town fleet and equipment**
5. **Request to Council - Change of Board terms and increasing the number of Board Members**
6. **Quarterly Update of Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP)**



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### 7. Request to Council – Idling Vehicle regulations – Dana Ivers

The Board agreed to remove the request to Council regarding adoption of a Net Zero Resolution at this time.

### 5. Other Item

Ken Mihelich informed the Board that he is resigning from the SAB effective immediately. He said he would be willing to help with the website as needed and plans on attend meetings occasionally.

### 6. Approval of minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting

Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2024, meeting. Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

### 7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6.53 p.m.