

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, November 11, 2025

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5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, Terry Schuyler

ITEMS

1. Update on Application to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program
2. Update on Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit
3. Finalization of projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2026 work plan.
4. Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2025 meeting

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AGENDA ITEM #3

SAB 2026 WORK PLAN

Work Item	Description	Lead	Goals
Net-Zero 2030	Assist Town Staff with planning, implementing, and evaluating electrification projects for achieving Net-Zero 2030 objectives.	Dave K	• Finish fossil fuel inventory • Update roadmap • Complete the following pilot projects: ○ Replace 2 string trimmers with electric ○ Replace 1 riding mower with electric ○ Replace 1 Pub Works pickup with EV ○ Replace 1 heating system with Cold Climate Heat Pump ○ Replace 1 water heater with Heat Pump Water Heater
Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant	Assist Town Staff as needed with planning and implementing Local IMPACT Grant projects and coordinate with Net-Zero 2030 roadmap.		• TBD
Town and Community Electrification	Encourage the town to adopt the all-electric code amendment to the LECC. Provide outreach and education for the all-electric building code and residential electrification in general.	Dave J	• Research the impacts (positive and negative) of all-electric building codes and develop fact sheet for education and outreach. • Develop fact sheet with economics for all-electric construction to use for education and outreach • Conduct education and outreach for all-electric residential building. • Consider holding a Brats and Kilowatts event with SMPA to encourage town residents sign up for Totally Green
Event and Festival Waste Reduction	Encourage the Town to adopt a zero waste policy for all events and festivals and work with organizers and vendors follow that policy to maximize composting and recycling.	Dave K	• Create zero waste policy and distribute to event organizers and vendors. • Simplify and improve trash/compost/recycling monitoring and collection at major events. • Reduce the use of plastics. • Encourage the use of reusable cups. • Investigate the sale of reusable, commemorative cups.

			• Use the Ridgway Concert Series to pilot these solutions.
Sustainability Outreach and Education	Sponsor or co-sponsor events to educate the local community on sustainability issues including electrification, composting, and water conservation.	Sheridan	• Sponsor or co-sponsor a minimum of 3 outreach/education events. • Invest in permanent marketing assets for outreach and education events. • Have a booth at the EV Ride and Drive Event that focuses on electrification.
Residential Composting	Encourage residential composting through outreach, education, and community-wide composting solutions.	Sheridan	• Investigate a community-wide free compost pickup solution. • Investigate subsidizing backyard composting equipment. • Include composting equipment/demos in SAB outreach and education events.
Water Conservation and Soil Health	Encourage landscape water conservation and while building community soil health through outreach and incentives.	Kristina	• Investigate residential and business xeriscape/waterwise incentive programs. • Create a xeriscape demonstration installation. • Investigate residential soil health initiatives.
Renewable Energy	Encourage the Town and community to install innovative solar options that add artistic, inspirational and sculptural accents.	Kristina	•

AGENDA ITEM #4



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

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 David Kehmeier, Sheridan Ribbing, and Dave Jones. Dana Ivers, Kristina Lemon and Terry Schuyler were absent. Preston Neill and Leigh Robertson were also present.

2. New Membership

A brief update was given on the status of the Notice of Vacancy on the SAB that had been advertised. The Town did not receive a letter of interest by the stated deadline. Preston explained that the Town would repost the Notice and solicit letters of interest until the end of October.

3. Update on Letter of Intent to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program

Preston explained that based on the Town's Letter of Intent that was submitted to the Colorado Energy Office (CEO), the Town was notified by the CEO that the Town was "encouraged" to submit a full application for Round 1, which will be due Wednesday, November 5th by 11:59 p.m.

4. Update regarding 2024 International Energy Efficiency Code and amendment package, including the model electric and solar ready code, and the outreach and adoption timeline

Preston reiterated to the group that EcoAction Partners, in partnership with Lotus Engineering & Sustainability, is working with the Town and other regional jurisdictions as the Energy Code Cohort (ECC) to create a building energy code package for adoption in early 2026. EcoAction Partners has facilitated multiple ECC meetings, trainings, surveys, and targeted discussions. The amendment package for Ridgway has been drafted. A timeline for outreach and adoption of the code and amendment package has been put together and leads to consideration of adoption by the Town Council in early 2026.

5. Review of Ordinance No. 04-25 Amending Chapter 15 of the Ridgway Municipal Code Concerning Vehicle Idling Restrictions

The group discussed the proposed Ordinance and offered collective direction to change the vehicle idling time restriction to two minutes or more within any one-hour period of time. David K. made a motion to recommend approval of Ordinance No. 04-2025 to the Town Council. Sheridan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present.

6. Review of 2025 work plan items and discussion regarding projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2026 work plan.

The group reviewed a draft work plan that David K. put together. After discussion, the group agreed to spend the month giving thought to the work plan and providing input on what to recommend to the Town Council for the 2026 work plan.

7. Minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting

David K. made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting. Sheridan seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

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8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:22 p.m.