

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
April 16, 2019**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the Board of Trustees Work Session to order on April 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present for roll call:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Lani Kitching
	Erica Sparhawk
	Ben Bohmfalk
	Luis Yllanes
	Heather Henry
Absent Trustee	Marty Silverstein
Staff Present	
Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Utilities Director	Mark O'Meara
Intern	Angie Sprang

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD CHECK-IN

The following Environmental Board (EBoard) members were in attendance for the discussion: Colin Quinn (Chair), Scott Mills, Joseph Demoor, Patrick Hunter, Garrett Fitzgerald, Sarah Gruen, Frosty Merriott, Mark O'Meara (Town liaison).

Colin stated that the role of the EBoard is to provide recommendations and advise the Board on environmental issues. He said that the World Economic Forum Survey listed climate change as the most important issue for millennials.

Colin stated that the EBoard has two big ideas:

Move towards net zero by 2030. The way they hope to accomplish this follows:

- They are working on making modifications to the Carbondale Efficient Building Program.
- They suggested the Code be changed to make solar mandatory on all new houses, regardless of square footage.

- They would like mandatory energy efficient building training for builders with a focus on a thermal envelope. They would like to encourage people to build all electric homes. Points would be provided on the Residential Efficient Build Program Checklist if the homeowner doesn't run a gas line to their house.

Colin asked the Board if they support their ideas.

The Board agreed with the EBoard's making changes to the Carbondale Efficient Building Program. They also agreed with mandatory training for builders, and to give points if the homeowner doesn't run a gas line to their house. The Trustees want to know if solar is cost effective. They also stated that solar may not be the right fit in all scenarios and there should probably be flexibility (e.g. opportunity to purchase 100% of renewables). Jay noted that solar (orientation) wouldn't work on several of the remaining lots in town.

Their second idea is to reduce plastic use in Town, with a goal of eliminating most single use plastic by Earth Day 2020. They would like to extend the plastic bag ban though the entire Town and try to eliminate most single use plastics.

Colin asked the Board if they support the EBoard's ideas.

The majority of the Board (Richardson, Sparhawk, Henry, Yllanes) supports the plastic bag ban. Trustee Bohmfalk would rather have a broader strategy, and he feels the plastic bag ban may not be the best approach.

The majority of the Board thinks that elimination of single use plastics could be accomplished with education, outreach, or self-directed campaign.

Colin asked the Board if the EBoard should play a bigger role in providing input on environmental/conservation issues within Town development. Should they be a referral Board who provides input on preserving open space and promoting conservation. Jay noted that open space requirements are addressed in the Uniform Development Code. Frosty Merriott would like the Environmental Bill of Rights to be given to anyone pulling a building permit.

VCAPS FOLLOW-UP

Mayor Richardson asked Trustee Henry what were the major points of the VCAPS. Trustee Henry responded that climate change will have an impact on our region. It is predicted that we will have more severe and frequent droughts. We will experience earlier and earlier runoffs. Water storage capacity is paramount. How does the community build resiliency – reduce, create efficiency, bring domestic water usage down.

Mayor Richardson asked the following:

- Should we evaluate budget line items and identify projects that will help save water/energy?
- What are our priorities?
- What is the Environmental Board's role?
- Should we identify collaborative projects?

The Board asked if we should have a stakeholder meeting. Jay noted that there are a lot of parallel efforts going on though out the valley.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that education and outreach are critical. He said the Town hasn't done much on the demand side. It can possibly be addressed in the Municipal Code concerning landscaping in new developments, etc. Also, we need to focus on Town water usage in parks, etc.

Trustee Bohmfalk stated that he was disappointed that more people didn't attend the meeting. Trustee Henry suggested renaming VCAPS (e.g. Carbondale Water Resiliency Plan).

Mayor Richardson suggested that the next time we amend the Unified Development Code we should consult the VCAPS.

Mayor Richardson asked what do we need to do to prepare for the next drought? What partnerships do we need to have. Trustee Sparhawk suggested meeting with the Fire Department to identify our top priorities.

The Board agreed that they would each identify their top priorities and have a work session in May or June to discuss them.

ADJOURNMENT

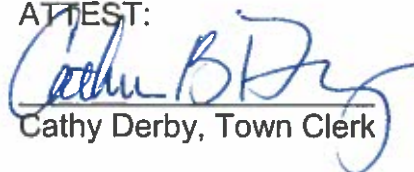
The April 16, 2019, work session adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED



Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

