



**Notes**  
**Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (ACES)**  
**November 13, 2025**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Superior Community Center**  
**1500 Coalton Road**

**This meeting will be held in person and online. Members of the public may [participate in the meeting via Zoom](#) ([instructions](#)) or [view the meeting on YouTube](#) (closed captioning available). The recording of the meeting will be made available on [YouTube](#) and at [SuperiorColorado.gov](#) after the meeting.**

1. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Called to order by Jim Zarske @ 5:32p.
2. Preliminary Matters
  - a. Roll Call
    - Present: Jim Zarske, Michelle Gazarik, Miles Hoffman, Lisa Barnes, John Heckman, Patrick Payne.
    - Absent: None.
    - Staff Present: Martin Toth.
  - b. Approval of Agenda
  - c. Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
    - Scott Simkus – wanting to get onto the agenda for a future meeting to discuss a proposal related to an energy related project related to his property in Original Town.
      - Martin will follow up with Scott.
3. Updates
  - a. Town Council Liaison – Jenn Kaaoush
    - Regional Air Quality Control group meeting. Interesting overview of their possible ideas for future air quality actions. The RAQC endorsed the Blueprint that Jenn had shared with ACES earlier.
    - ADU education support grant – opportunities for ACES input.
  - b. Town Staff – Martin Toth
    - New Sust Specialist candidate has been chosen from an excellent pool of candidates.
    - Holiday events coming up, busy time of the year.
    - Grant update –
      - Energy Office TDM grant. Policy work and pilots around

- improving transportation options.
  - DRCOG grant moving forward.
- New video for Miss Peel, check it out!
- Budget expenditures that have already been approved are moving forward (event swag).
- Events:
  - Holiday Bazaar 12/6
  - Winterfest 12/13

#### 4. Discussion Items

- a. Waste Administrative Fee presentation
  - Presentation of analysis by Molly Saylor, MKS Sustainability.
  - Discussion on how an Admin Fee could support Town resource requirements for future waste collection process and program changes.
  - Not a specific proposal for additional fees yet, just a policy analysis to help consider ideas.
  - ACES should make sure we incorporate this into communication efforts to explain why we are doing this, counter expected push-back.
- b. Holiday Event Volunteers
  - Holiday Bazaar – 12/6 – 10a – 3p
    - Michelle coordinating.
    - John & Patrick planning to be there.
    - Michelle opening, will be there 10-1p.
    - Miles can do the close.
  - Winterfest 12/13 – Downtown, 1-5p
    - Save some swag from 12/6 event.
    - Jim & Patrick planning to be there.
- c. Finalize ACES 2026 Workplan
  - Jim has done a good review of the online draft. Here are notes from discussion but changes were made by Martin in document during discussion.
  - Michelle
    - Could we look at public area trash/recycling receptacles and brainstorm ways we could improve segregation.
    - Could we create a longer-term (4 year?) plan to bring composting messaging strategies together from 26 through 28, covering all areas of the Town.
  - Patrick
    - Can we do additional work focusing on plastics recycling?
  - John
    - Philosophically, ACES should “Advise, Liaise and Advocate” on the Town’s Sustainability Priorities.
    - Under Beneficial Electrification Implementation & Decarbonization

a. Explore opportunities to expand the Decarbonization Plan beyond electrification in future workplans.

- Lisa

- How can we best support town staff on these programs?

- Miles

- Change 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet under electrification to more broadly promote residential electrification pathways (beyond narrowly defined rebates).

- Jim

- Commercial waste agreements, is there a way to create improvements, analogous to the town contract for residential waste pickup. Food waste opportunities?

- a. Maybe ACES explores what other towns have done on this topic?

- Explore opportunities for heat pump promotion / incentives.

- a. Probably too early for this, no existing national program yet

- Town RFPs – can we add sustainability requirements into all RFPs?

d. Moved by Michelle, seconded by Patrick to accept the 2026 Workplan as edited by Martin. Passed unanimously.

5. Adjourn – Adjourned unanimously 7:26p.

Action Items:

1)

Next Meeting: January 8, 2026, at the Superior Community Center.