

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY

Name: Toby Babich

How long have you lived in Blue River?: 9 years in Blue River, and 10 in Breckenridge

Educational Background:

Previous Participation on Town Boards or Committees:

I have served on the following boards and committees-

- Breckenridge Resort Chamber/gobreck Board Member
- Breckenridge Central Reservations Board Member
- Breckenridge Lodging Association- President
- Breckenridge Recreation Advisory Committee Member
- Breckenridge Marketing Advisory Committee Member
- Vacation Rental Manager Association Board of Directors
- Vacation Rental Manager Association Public Relations Committee- Chairman

Why are you interested in serving on the Blue River Town Board of Trustees?

Blue River is my home, where I raise my children, like many of my neighbors. We chose Blue River to raise our children due to the rural nature, easy going neighborhoods, wide open spaces, freedom to pursue a stress free life, and the inherent beauty of our surroundings. I suspect from speaking with many of our residents, these are the same reasons many of you live here. I believe it is important to respect why we moved to Blue River, and ensure that as we progress forward as a community, we do so together, cooperatively and collaboratively ensuring our town stays Blue.

What do you feel are the biggest challenges facing the Town?

Looking at the Town master plan, it seems to me the premiere issue we face moving forward as a community is what type of growth we want to see in our Town. I believe that the Ruby Placer vote demonstrated that the community wants to ensure our growth is slow and carefully managed. We need to better engage the community when speaking about growth and property utilization, making ourselves true conduits for the will of our neighbors. The master plan is very comprehensive, and presents a lot of possibilities for our town, but I believe the future of our town will only be found through the eyes and voices of our residents.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

I was an early transplant to the Breckenridge and Blue River Area, moving here at the age of 4 in 1979 from Nevada. Since then, I have spent 19 years as a resident here, in addition to my other travels, and it has always been my home. I grew up here from ages 4 to 14, and now feel fortunate to raise my family here for the past 9 years.

Blue River has been my home, where I have raised my children, for the last 9 years and I have watched our community maintain the same rural character I believe we all fell in love with when we move into our town of Blue River. The rugged national forest, close and personal wildlife, rustling pine and aspen trees, and rushing rivers and streams offer a peaceful and serene place to each of us.

That beauty and rural character needs to be preserved for our community, allowing responsible and resident centric growth when needed. The benefit of living in such a small community, is that we the residents have the ability to engage with our local government, and ensure the community always reflects the wishes and desires of our residents.