



# TOWN OF HUDSON



## Sustainability Committee Minutes

Leo C. Bernard, Chairman    Ted Luszey, Selectmen Liaison

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**August 24, 2015 – 7PM**

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

**Buxton C.D. Meeting Room**

**1. Call to Order By:**

The meeting was called to order by Leo Bernard at 7:05

**2. Attendance By:**

Leo Bernard, Linda Kipnes, Lisza Elliott, Michael Tranfaglia, Robert Cooper, Margaret Femia and Ted Luszey. Debra Putnam joined at 7:30; Uday Khatri joined at 7:33

Absent excused: Tianna Begonis and Cecilia Nickerson; both have resigned from the committee

**3. Public Input:**

Ben Dibble, Ben was disappointed that we did not meet in July, and encouraged us to keep planning new programs

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

- Approval of minutes: June 22, 2015
  - Review of Trash Tonnage Report
  - Expenditure Report
  - Next CleanUp Days: August 29, 2015, 8AM to 12PM (Pass Needed)
  - Yard Waste Disposal: Every Saturday 8AM to Noon, April – November (No Pass Needed)
  - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: October 3, Nashua Public Works Garage
- Motion:** was made by Mike Tranfaglia and seconded by Lisza Elliott to accept all consent items; passed unanimously.

**5. Reports:**

- **HLN Column & E-mails to Committee** – No report as Communications Officer not yet present
- **Energy Items** – None reported

**6. Old Business:**

- **Littering Laws: Hudson Police Department** – Lt Kevin DiNapoli informed us of the littering laws in Hudson; there is a \$288 fine for throwing trash (except for perishable food) out of a car. If you see someone littering, try to get their license plate and report to the police. The Committee requested that Lt DiNapoli inform us of the number of citations over the last few years for littering. We also discussed the possibility of doing a cleanup on Wason Road with police cooperation, and Lt DiNapoli agreed that the police will look into doing a press release about littering in conjunction with our roadside cleanup day.
- **Energy Audit:** No report

**7. New Business:**

- **Resignation of Tianna Begonis and Cecilia Nickerson** – These resignations have been or are being sent to the Selectmen. Uday Khatri also plans to resign and will submit a letter. Because of these resignations, there was discussion about making the official membership count smaller, and therefore the quorum smaller, so

meetings will not have to be cancelled for lack of a quorum. Our Selectman Liaison, Ted Luszey, reported to us that the Selectmen are requesting information from us about our focus and our program plans. This may impact the choice of an optimal committee size.

**Motion:** made by Lisza Elliott and seconded by Mike Tranfaglia to reduce the number of members on the committee to 7, with 2 alternates. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mike Tranfaglia and seconded by Debra Putnam to amend the number of alternates to 3. Motion passed unanimously. The original motion as amended also passed unanimously. Our Selectman Liaison Ted Luszey will report our recommendation to the Select Board.

- **2017 Budget:** Same as last year; may be amended as our mission statement and goals are refined Budget to be presented to the Select Board in the middle of September.  
**Motion:** made by Debra Putnam and seconded that we form a subcommittee to create a presentation for the Select Board to present our mission statement and goals. The motion passed with 1 abstention (Leo Bernard). The committee will consist of Debra Putnam, Mike Tranfaglia, Robert Cooper, and Linda Kipnes. The presentation is due on September 23 for the Select Board agenda of Sept 28.  
**Motion:** made by Robert Cooper and seconded by Mike Tranfaglia that we have an additional committee meeting to discuss our mission statement and goals. The meeting will be on Tuesday September 1 at 7PM, location to be determined by Leo Bernard. The agenda will consist only of the mission statement and budget.
- **Home Energy Workshop (Button Up NH)** – The event will be held on Sept 23 from 6:30PM – 9PM at the Rodgers Library. Refreshments will be served. And all are encouraged to be there.
- **Election of new officers** –  
**Motion:** by Mike Tranfaglia to nominate Linda Kipnes as Chair  
by Debra Putnam to close nominations and have 1 ballot for Linda Kipnes; passed unanimously  
by Linda Kipnes to nominate Leo Bernard for Vice Chairman  
by Mike Tranfaglia to close nominations and have 1 ballot for Leo Bernard; passed unanimously  
by Debra Putnam to nominate Robert Cooper for Clerk  
by Lisza Elliott to close nominations and have 1 ballot for Robert Cooper; passed unanimously  
by Margaret Femia to nominate Debra Putnam for Communications Officer  
by Mike Tranfaglia to close nominations and have 1 ballot for Debra Putnam; passed unanimously  
by Lisza Elliott to dissolve Energy Officer and Cleanup Officer positions pending our new mission statement and goals  
Job descriptions for all officer positions will be posted on our website.
- **Roadside Cleanup:** The Committee decided by consensus to cleanup Greeley Street on Saturday September 26. Lisza Elliott will contact Kevin Burns and the Police Department to confirm the date is acceptable. She will contact Linda Kipnes as soon as she has responses so the request can be presented to the Select Board at their September 8 meeting. Linda Kipnes will contact Tianna Begonis to get contact info for Planet Aid and Alvirne High School as possible cleanup volunteers.

## 8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

## 9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting will be held on September 28, 2015 at the. Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

## 10. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Linda Kipnes, Acting Clerk

**8/31/2015**

