



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes

Leo C. Bernard, Chairman

Ben Nadeau, Selectmen Liaison

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February 23, 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 7:04

2. Attendance:

Frank Rosier, Leo Bernard, Lisza Elliott, Cecilia Nickerson, Linda Kipnes, Debra Putnam, Michael Tranfaglia and Margaret Femia

Absent excused: Jason Shoemaker and Tianna Begonis

Absent unexcused: Uday Khatri and Ben Nadeau

3. Public Input:

New Alternate Member Michael Tranfaglia

Ben Dibble, Submitted a proposal for Earth Day activities at a local school hosted by the Hudson Boy Scouts. The troops have a host of activities. The scouts will have a meeting on March 22nd at 2:30 to discuss the details and Ben would like a representative to attend the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the meeting of November 24, 2014 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Lisza and seconded by Cecelia. The motion passed 8-0.

5. Reports:

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The tonnage report showed a steady rate of 28% for the month of December and January.
- **Expenditure Report** – No expenditures to report for the period
- **Clean-Up Days** – The next clean-up days will be on February 28, 2015 and March 28, 2015 from 8am to 12pm and a pass is required.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – These are held every Saturday from 8am until Noon April – November and no pass is needed.
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collections** – These are at the Nashua Public Works Garage located at 9 Stadium Dr. in Nashua. The list of dates is currently unavailable but they usually host about 6 per year.
- **Holiday Schedule for Recycling** – The next holiday will be May 25th, 2015, Memorial Day. Monday collection will be one day delayed on Tuesday and each day that week will be one day later for the entire week. Some collection days were missed due to the snow but these were not official holidays.
- **HLN Column & E-mails** – Tianna wrote an article for the recent HLN advertising the next Clean-up day and the pending warrant article (#14) referencing the solar tax exemption.
- **Energy Items** – Linda looked into replacement lights at the community center. The town is interested in replacing the recessed lighting to avoid damage. Linda checked with Eversource (PSNH) for some possible funding for the project. Linda noticed that the icicles were long on the town hall building that shows a noticeable heat loss from the building. Energy audits were done previously and additional insulation was

recommended. The committee is interested in revisiting possible funding for past energy audit recommendations. The committee will research possible funding sources and bring back to the committee.

6. Old Business:

None

7. New Business:

- **Town and School Deliberative Sessions** – The School Deliberative Session was January 31, 2015 at 9am the Town Deliberative Session was February 6, 2015 at 9am. The committee attended both meetings and the committee presented the Solar Warrant Article. Voting Day will be coming up on March 10, 2015 and the committee will attend with a table display.
- **Warrant Article** – The Solar Warrant article was presented at the Town Deliberative session by Craig Putnam. The article is number 14 and will be on the March ballot. 97 of about 200 communities in New Hampshire have adopted at least a solar article with some adopting wind or wood provisions as well. The committee would like to see Hudson join this ever growing list. The committee will forward the presentation to HCTV for broadcast on the scroll.
- **Town 2014 Annual Report & Pictures** – The committee was able to produce an annual report of the committee’s activity. No pictures of the committee events were attached as they were unavailable at time of printing. Our newest member is included in the book as well and will be available at voting day.
- **Roadside clean-up** – Tianna has confirmed the date on April 18th and no streets have been determined. The article we submitted in February stated the streets were to be determined. Deb contacted Alvirne about determining the roads and she discovered that they would be having a contest around this same time and a possible theme for this contest was sustainability. The committee may put the request for streets to the Boy Scouts for suggestions. Some groups have adopted some roads in town so we would avoid those. The committee will clear any chosen streets through the BOS and Road Agent.
- **Boy Scout Earth Day** – The committee would like to accept the proposal of the Boy Scouts Earth Day plan. Deb made a motion to accept the proposal and Margaret seconded. The motion passed 7-0. The Boy Scouts will promote the activities through fliers in the schools supported by the Sustainability Committee. The committee will look into buying a blue bin to have as a raffle during the Earth Day events.
- Other Business or Event for Committee – None

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Lisza – Encourage everyone to vote on the roads for our town cleanup and vote on voting day.

Cecilia – None

Debra – Support our warrant article

Margaret – Don’t idle your car. It costs you about \$200 a year if idled for only 10 minutes a day. Please do not idle.

Leo – Get out and vote

Michael – None

Linda – Reminds all to vote and vote for our warrant article.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on March 23rd, 2015 at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisza and seconded by Cecilia. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Frank Rosier

2/23/2015



Frank Rosier, Clerk of Sustainability Committee

Date