



TOWN OF HUDSON



Sustainability Committee Minutes

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November 24, 2014 – 7PM

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

BOS Meeting Room

- **Call to Order By:**

The meeting was called to order by Linda Kipnes at 7:03

- **Attendance By:**

Frank Rosier, Lisza Elliott, Cecilia Nickerson, Linda Kipnes, Debra Putnam and Jason Shoemaker

Absent excused: Tianna Begonis, Margaret Femia and Leo Bernard

Absent unexcused: Uday Khatry and Ben Nadeau

- **Public Input:**

Ben Dibble, 7 Stevens Drive – The resident has not seen minutes posted to the website since July. He would like to see them posted. The resident posted a request/comment to the “Parents of Hudson NH Students” Facebook page. Of the 882 members, 169 liked the post or commented that they would like a 2nd blue recycling bin. He feels there is a strong interest in additional blue bins. With his analysis the bins would pay for themselves in the first year and begin saving the town in the second year. Debra will follow up with Kevin Burns to see if there is a possibility to purchase new bins at a reduced price from the \$75 that was quoted. The committee will investigate different ways to publicize the additional bins after the committee fully understands the process.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the meeting of October 27, 2014 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Lisza and seconded by Debra. The motion passed 6-0.

- **Reports:**

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The latest report listed the October rate at 28.56%. This rate was an increase from September rate of 25%. Cecilia has created a new tab on the town spreadsheet to give a summary. If the town adopts this change Cecilia can update the tab so it auto-populates with the data without any additional work on the town’s part. Debra will explain the new tab to the town garage and see if they can adopt.
- **Expenditure Report** – No new expenditure report available
- **Next Clean Up Days** – The next clean-up days are November 29, 2014 and December 27, 2014, 8am to 12pm and a pass is required.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – Yard waste disposal is available from 8am until noon every Saturday from April – November and no pass is required for these visits
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection** – The collections have stopped for the year. An updated schedule will be out soon for the new year.
- **Next Holiday Schedule** – The next holiday schedule is on November 27, 2014 which is Thanksgiving Day. Their pick-up day will be on Friday and the Friday pick-up will be on Saturday. The same will apply for Christmas and New Year’s which are both on Thursday as well.
- **HLN Column and E-mails** – Tianna took extensive notes from the meeting of Cheryl and Debra. There were some good ideas presented for future HLN articles. No e-mails were reviewed. Debra will work to have the e-mail account forwarded to her personal e-mail for easier review.
- **Energy Items** – The Fred Fuller interruption should be a non-issue as Ryme Oil and Propane will take over on Wednesday, November 26th. Wood prices seem to be very high so check out your local supplier and shop around. Home Depot just received a shipment of wood pellets. Peterborough created a solar farm in their town to power their waste water treatment plant. Any unused electricity can be sold back to the grid. The town of Hudson has tasked the town engineer to look into the feasibility of a similar project. The committee

will pursue a warrant article for residents not to be penalized for installing solar in their homes. Linda will also pursue a warrant article for a reduction of building permit fees for new buildings that have a favorable LEEDs rating.

- **Old Business:**

- **Review of information sheet** – The committee reviewed the sheet and provided this to Debra. She will update the sheet for printing and posting on various web sites. Jason made a motion to publish with the changes, seconded by Lisza. The motion passed 6-0.

- **New Business:**

- **Budget FY16** – The committee will be going in front of Budget Committee December 18, 2014 7pm Buxton C.D. Meeting Room. The committee will present warrant articles listed above if prepared.
- **Other Business or Events** – Jason met with Ben Nadeau and Coutu at the town elections around the topic of BOS support at the Sustainability Committee Meeting. The BOS wanted to present their position on the matter at the Sustainability Committee Meeting. The committee will hopefully have Coutu at the next meeting. The letter will be tabled until after the January meeting.

- **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:**

Lisza – Happy Thanksgiving and keep on recycling

Frank – Happy Thanksgiving, if you are traveling please travel safe.

Cecilia – Share a blue recycling bin with a friend. Share your space if they need it and you have it!

Debra – Encourages people to remember recycling during the holidays and enjoy with family and friends

Jason – Happy Thanksgiving to all. Check in with local food banks to see if you can contribute.

Linda – Happy Thanksgiving to all and reduce, reuse and recycle. Help your local food pantries

- **Selection of Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2015 at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm. The December meeting will be skipped due to many members traveling and the holidays.

- **Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned by the Linda at 8:48pm.

Frank Rosier Jr

11/24/2014



Frank Rosier Jr., Clerk of Sustainability Committee

Date