



# TOWN OF HUDSON



## Sustainability Committee Minutes

Leo C. Bernard, Chairman Sustainability Ben Nadeau, Selectmen Liaison

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**April 27, 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:**

Frank Rosier, Leo Bernard, Linda Kipnes, Debra Putnam, Jason Shoemaker, Michael Tranfaglia, Robert Cooper and Margaret Femia

Absent excused: Tianna Begonis, Cecilia Nickerson, Lisza Elliott and Ted Luszey

Absent unexcused: Uday Khatry

**3. Public Input:**

Welcome new Member Robert Cooper and Welcome are new Liaison Mr. Ted Luszey.

Ben Dibble, Ben was very happy to have completed the Earth Day Party and thanked the committee for their support

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the meeting of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Michael and seconded by Jason. The motion passed 7-0-1.

**5. Reports:**

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The report for the month of the March was 28%, an increase of 2% from February. The committee will keep reviewing the report and hope to see an increase back to 30%.
- **Expenditure Report** – No copy of the expenditure report was available.
- **Clean-Up Day** – The next clean-up day will be May 30, 2015 from 8 to 12pm and a pass is required.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – Held every Saturday from 8am until Noon in April – November (No Pass Required)
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection** – The next pickup will be May 2 in Milford on 289 South Road from 8-noon.
- **Holiday Schedule for Recycling** – The next schedule will be on Monday May 25, 2015 (Memorial Day). All scheduled days will move back one day to accommodate the holiday. Some collection days were missed due to the snow but these were not official holidays.
- **HLN Column & E-mails to Committee** – The last article was not printed in the HLN due to deadline issue and BOS approval of earth day items. The next column will need to be adjusted and submitted for upcoming distribution
- **Energy Items** – Solar up campaign for Southern New Hampshire. The program has been very successful in many states and the committee will stay abreast of the possible rollout. Also streetlight LED replacement assessment for towns in NH. This program detailed the benefits with some exact numbers what towns in NH could save if they converted to LED replacement for streetlights.

**6. Old Business:**

- **Roadside clean-up recap** – There were many volunteers available for the day with all roads assigned. The signs showing that the committee cleaned the roads were up to publicize our involvement. Margaret sent photos to cable station with comments. Margaret also provided a map to organize the onset of the event. Tianna sent pictures and bag counts to the committee. Lisza forwarded the information to NRRA to support our usage to free recycling bags provided by NRRA. The substitute road agent Jason was very helpful and provided work signs for the event as well.

- **Earth Day Party event recap** – The event was great and had a significant turn out. Over 90 families were represented at the event at Nottingham West School. There was a book swap, water powered rockets, Lix Ice Cream, seed planting and a table set up by Solar City. One blue recycling bin was raffled off along with some other energy saving items. There were several “Thumbs Up” in the HLN for this event as well as the Road Side clean-up. The committee would entertain doing the event in the future in conjunction with the scouts, both boys and girls as well as Alvirne High School.
- **Membership review** – Memberships up in April 2015 are Frank Rosier, Linda Kipnes, Jason Shoemaker and Leo Bernard. Jason Shoemaker and Frank Rosier will not renew their memberships and will not continue on the committee. Linda Kipnes and Leo Bernard have submitted renewal memberships with the town and will continue with the committee.

#### 7. New Business:

- **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Recycling Conference & Expo** – The event will be held in Manchester on June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2015. If any committee members are interested in attending please let Leo know and retain a receipt so you can get reimbursed by the town.
- **Committee elections** – The elections for Committee officers will be at the May meeting so all members are encouraged to attend.
- **Robinson Pond clean-up day** – The event will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-11. The Friends of Robinson Pond ask that folks bring their personal rake to assist in the clean-up. The committee will donate blue recycling bags to aid in the effort. Deb will pick up the bags at the town garage for the event.
- **Benson clean-up day** – The event will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be many volunteers and this will be the first major clean-up of the year. The committee would like to investigate possibly getting a plot to sponsor and maintain. This discussion will be tabled until more members are present.

#### 8. Action Item Review –

- The committee would like to have a Hudson Police officer come to a meeting to discuss the littering policy and the results of the roadside clean-up
- The committee would like to review a copy of the recycling and solid waste contract
- The committee will stay abreast of the details around the start of the Solar Up campaign of New Hampshire and communicate to the public
- Jason will email link about streetlamp replacement in NH to Debra
- Debra will get the bag report from the Roadside Clean-up from Tianna and communicate the details to NRRRA to support the free bags provided to the committee
- Debra will communicate the correct email address for Michael to the committee.
- Debra will get some of the blue recycling bags to Michael to support the Robinson Pond Clean-up Day.
- The committee will analyze what other towns put in their recycling contracts to compare with our contract

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

**Frank** – It has been a great 8 year run and glad I could assist the town in promoting recycling and will continue in the future.

**Robert** – Will the committee be reviewing the action items for the committee at the end of each meeting? When was appointed to committee wanted to understand better why residents are not recycling in their homes. Would like to see a cost benefit that could be communicated to the town residents.

**Debra** – Happy to have Michael and Robert as new members to the committee.

**Margaret** – None

**Leo** – Will put the Energy Audit on next months agenda

**Michael** – Would love to step to a full time member status.

**Linda** – Welcome to Michael and Robert as full time member. Please come out to the various clean-up days and even on your own street.

**Jason** – Happy to have been here for 3 years and appreciated his time with the committee. The committee is poised to have a bigger effect on the town.

#### 10. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2015 at the. Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

**11. Adjourn:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jason and seconded by Michael. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

**Frank G Rosier Jr**

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**4/27/2015**



Frank G. Rosier Jr., Clerk of Sustainability Committee

Date