



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

### Minutes



Leo C. Bernard, Chairman

Ben Nadeau, Selectmen Liaison

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**August 25, 2014 – 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 7:10

**2. Attendance By:**

Frank Rosier, Leo Bernard, Linda Kipnes, Cecilia Nickerson, Debra Putnam, Jason Shoemaker and Tianna Begonis

Absent excused: Ben Nadeau, Uday Khattry, Cheryl Freed, Lisza Elliott and Margaret Femia

**3. Public Input:**

Ben Dibble, 7 Stevens Drive – How to improve the recycling rate of Hudson. Mr. Dibble has done some polling in his neighborhood and noticed about 10% of the residents on his street that either do not put out a bin or put it out too late. He has made several recommendations to the committee. These suggestions are detailed below:

- The committee should lead and put out their recycling bins early and recruit other to do it as well
- Create a lottery drawing to recognize folks that have their bin put out to the curb
- Create a door hanger package that would contain helpful calendar markers and a note about the importance of recycling. This would be distributed to homes where the occupant has forgotten to take their recycling bin to the curb. This would act as a reminder for the residents and an aid to increase the overall recycling rate
- Canvas door to door and ask folks if they need an additional recycling bin
- Set up a table at local retailers on Saturdays and hand out recycling information

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes for the meeting of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Jason and seconded by Cecilia. The motion passed 7-0. April minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting.

**5. Reports:**

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The tonnage from July was about the same as June, almost 25%. This was not a great start for the new FY as the committee would like to see 30% which was achieved in FY 2013. The committee found it interesting that the overall trash tonnage was about the same YOY however the recycling tonnage was down YOY. The committee will monitor the month for other variances. The report was distributed to the committee in the spreadsheet format so that the members can compare the year over year totals.

- **Expenditure Report** – The budget for the committee has remained at 3500 dollars for the new FY. No expenditures were made in the last month.
- **Next Clean Up Day** – The next cleanup day will be August 30, 2014, 8am to 12pm, pass needed. The committee raised a question regarding the days the town operates the landfill. The committee would like to understand the rationale for being open only one day a month. Jason will email the question to Leo who will raise the question with the road agent.
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection** –The next day will be Saturday, October 4, 2014 8pm to 12pm. The following one will be November 1, 2014 from 8am to 12pm and both will be held at Nashua Public Works Garage at 9 Stadium Drive Nashua. There is a 10 dollar charge for some items and hazardous waste.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – Every Saturday From 8am until Noon (April – November and no pass required).
- **Holiday Schedule** – The next holiday for Recycling is Labor Day on Monday, September 1, 2014. All pickups will move back one day to the following day after their normal day.
- **HLN Column & E-mails** – Tabled until the next meeting
- **Energy Items** – Jason read an article about energy consumption in the country rising exponentially or the next 5 years. There is a New Hampshire state program that will reimburse state residents for a portion of the installation costs of solar power for your home and the IRS has some rebates programs. The residents are encouraged to look into possible alternatives. The meters in town have been changing over from analog to electronic meters. The committee recommends monitoring your output for a few months to ensure that it seems in line with previous year of year usage. There have been reports that on occasion the electronic meters could be miss-calibrated.

## 6. Old Business:

- **NRRA membership** – The committee has not yet researched and will be tabled until our next meeting.
- **Recycling Information Sheet** – The sheet will be emailed to the committee for final review and it then will be distributed by the committee through several locations including the town website and Facebook.
- **Roadside Clean-up** – The committee will be running the upcoming clean-up day on Saturday 9/27 with a rain date of 10/4. The streets that we will be Burn Hill Road and Pelham Road. The suggested meeting point is Nottingham West parking lot at 10:45 and the clean-up event will run from 11am to 2 pm. Tianna requested 5 road work signs from the town. The committee has run out of shirts for the clean-up day. Tianna made a motion to redesign the shirts to reflect the new name of the committee and logo on front with volunteer. The lime green color is a safety issue and will remain the same. The motion was seconded by Linda and passed by the committee 7-0. Tianna will contact Lisza with the order for the shirts. A motion was made by Jason to purchase shirts in an amount not exceed \$500. The motion was seconded by Cecilia and passed 7-0. The amount of shirts will be a maximum of \$500. Frank will contact Nottingham West school to see if the signage at the school could reflect the event. Tianna will contact Cheryl about the name of the committee Facebook page.
- **Streaming dumpster at Highway Garage** – The highway department has replaced the blue recycling bins with a large red dumpster for single stream recycling due to the increased usage. The committee agrees that this is a great change.

## 7. New Business:

- **Voting Day** – Frank will create new poster advertisement for the most current clean-up day to display at the voting day. Leo will distribute the email address and password to the committee. The committee will confirm the new email address with Cheryl.
- **Upcoming events** – No other events are on the horizon. Harvest Fest may not be happening, more to come.

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

**Leo** – Looking forward to clean-up day. Hopes that the roads will stay clean going forward and look out for volunteers on the day of the clean-up. Enjoy the holiday weekend.

**Frank** – Looking forward to clean-up day.

**Cecilia** – Looking forward to clean-up day.

**Debra** – Increase recycling by networking with friends and spreading the word.

**Jason** – Would like to do a survey on the Facebook page for how many folks need an additional blue bin and how many people do not recycle and the reason. Selectman Nadeau has not participated in meetings during the time of Jason’s tenure and would like to see him present at the meeting.

**Tianna** – Beneficial to discuss recycling with people to educate them and looking forward to upcoming clean-up day.

**Linda** – Office of energy and planning has released the state energy plan in draft form. Nashua area is releasing a revised energy plan as well. Linda has copies of both these documents. There will be a webinar about public building efficiency and Linda will forward the details of the webinar to the committee. Wash laundry in cold water, use reusable bottles and pay bills on line.

**9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014\_ at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

**10. Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda and seconded by Tianna. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

**Frank Rosier**

**08/25/2014**



Frank Rosier, Clerk

Date