



TOWN OF HUDSON

Recycling / Energy Committee Minutes



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June 23, 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 7:07

2. Attendance By:

Frank Rosier, Leo Bernard, Cheryl Freed, Uday Khattry, Linda Kipnes, Cecilia Nickerson, Tianna Begonis, Margaret Femia, Lisza Elliott, Jason Shoemaker and Debra Putnam

Absent excused: Ben Nadeau

3. Public Input:

Ben Dibble, 7 Stevens Drive – The resident is concerned about the lack of the recycling bins available through Pinard. Some residents had asked Pinard for additional bins and were willing to pay for them but Pinard has not responded. The committee will reach out to Kevin Burns to investigate the issue of the bins not being available and lack of response from Pinard.

Jacob Morency, representative Troop #21, offered the assistance of the troop with future committee business. The committee will investigate the possibility of assistance by the troop with upcoming events.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the meeting of May 27th, 2014 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Cheryl and seconded by Lisza. The motion passed 11-0.

5. Reports:

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The committee received a tonnage report for the month of April (25%) and May (30%). The committee was disappointed with the April result but encouraged by the May report and hopes that the rate will continue. The committee is interested in seeing the data YOY. The information is currently available on the report that is created and Leo will send the spreadsheet as created so the data can be manipulated.
- **Expenditure Report** – No expenditures were made in the past month and the budget will begin anew again on July 1st. Lisza was reimbursed by the town for signs used by the committee in conjunction with the clean-up day.
- **Next Clean Up Day** – Next day is June 28th, 2014 8am to 12pm (pass required)
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection** – The next one will be August 2nd at Nashua Public Works.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – Every Saturday From 8am until 12pm April – November (no pass needed)
- **Holiday Schedule** – The next holiday schedule is on July 4, 2014. The normal Friday pick up will be on the following day which is Saturday July 5th.
- **HLN Column & E-mails** – The next HLN column will be focused on information obtained at the 33rd Annual Northeast Recycling and Energy Expo last month. An email was received from GDS Associates and they would like to sponsor an Energy Code Workshop in Hudson. Linda will contact GDS Associates to see what date they are looking for and if the library is available.

- **Energy Items** – Last year there was a national bill to have state energy strategies. There will be a meeting on June 25th at Nashua Community College in regards to the NH State strategy. Linda will email the committee with details on attendance.

6. Old Business:

- **33rd Annual Northeast Recycling Conference & Expo** – The event was held on June 9th – 10th, 2014. Cheryl and Linda attended. The hot topic seemed to be composting. There was a speaker from California that discussed different ways to compost and how to start the effort in your communities. Another speaker discussed a zero waste policy in a California community.
- **5th Annual School Recycling Conference** – The committee did not attend this conference.
- **Old Home Days** – The committee is interested in attend Old Home Days in Hudson. Leo checked with the OHD committee to see if we can partially attend. Once this decision is made the committee will then discuss whether we will attend. Debra will check to see if she can attend a OHDs meeting to see an exception can be made. If the committee will have to cover the entire event it will be unlikely that we will participate in the event. Leo will send out the sign-up sheet to the committee for coverage in case the OHD committee decides to make an exception.
- **Littering Policy** – Littering is a concern of the committee and Margaret raised the question of whether littering violations are enforced and if signage is available or posted about the littering policy. Jason will discuss the policy with the police and report his findings to the committee.

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7. New Business:

- **Election of New Officers** – The following officer, Clean-up Officer, will be determined at this meeting. Jason nominated Tianna and Tianna nominated Jason. Tianna accepted the nomination made by the committee. A motion to accept Tianna's nomination was moved by Jason and seconded by Linda. The motion passed by a 10-0-1 vote.
- **Upcoming events** – No events were discussed past OHDs.
- **NRRA membership** – The committee is entertaining a possible membership to NRRA. Lisza will look into the benefits of membership and the committee will decide after the discussion of its merits.
- **Hudson Recycling information sheet** – Debra sent an information sheet to the committee. The committee will review the information sheet and respond with suggestions for improving the document. Linda had several suggestions for the document. The document would be for distribution at events attended by the committee. The committee may research having the document included in the HLN as an advertisement which would be less costly than an insert.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Debra – None

Linda – Americans produce 250,00 pounds of trash on a yearly basis . Please make every effort to curb your purchases and recycle everything possible.

Leo – Would like to suggest that the committee possibly have a fund raiser to raise money for additional recycling bins for town residents. The committee has done a lot of good for the town.

Frank – Thanks to the scouts for attendance and encourage them to find ways to assist the committee.

Jason – Addressed the Boy Scouts in attendance and commended them on their service.

Cecilia – If Tianna needs any assistance with town clean-up days.

Cheryl – Cheryl addressed the scouts have any suggestions on how to assist the committee with their business

Uday – None

Lisza – Lisza will assist Tianna with clean-up day details as well.

Margaret – With the coming warmer weather there will be more of a possibility of inversions. Help to keep the air cleaner by not idling in your vehicle.

Tianna – Thanks for the nomination and looking forward to the next clean-up day.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on July 28th, 2014 at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.



Frank Rosier, Clerk of Recycling / Energy Committee

Date



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Hudson Energy Committee (The Green Team) is to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and explore other ways to reduce carbon emissions among the town's residents, businesses, and in municipal affairs. The committee aims to assist the town in addressing these goals as laid out in the Town Meeting vote on March 13, 2007.

These goals will be accomplished through educational activities and programs designed to encourage people to pay attention to their energy needs, consumption habits, and short- and long-term interests. The committee will make recommendations to and cooperate and communicate with town officials, boards and commissions as well as public and private groups with similar concerns, and with the appropriate agencies of the state, regional, and federal governments.

Action is the operative word. We want people to understand that going green is a process they can begin right now, and that their action will help create a comfortable, compassionate and sustainable future and a more livable planet.

Recycling/Energy Committee

Committee Responsibilities

Recycling/Energy Committee is an eleven-member committee and two Alternates, which includes one Selectman and the Road Agent as ex-officio member, pursuant to Hudson Board of Selectmen vote on 4/24/07. The members serve a 3-year term. The committee is charged with getting information out regarding the recycling process; educating people on getting rid of electronic/hazardous waste; promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency, and exploring other ways to reduce carbon emissions among the town's residents, businesses, and in municipal affairs.

Meeting Schedule

The Recycling/Energy Committee meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the lower level, Board of Selectmen Meeting Room.