



TOWN OF HUDSON

Recycling & Energy Committee



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September 23, 2013 – 7PM
Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051
Buxton C.D. Meeting Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Leo Bernard at 7:02

2. Attendance:

Frank Rosier, Dave Jelley, Leo Bernard, Cheryl Freed, Lisza Elliott and Uday Khattry
Energy Committee: Linda Kipnes and Jason Shoemaker

Absent excused: Ben Nadeau, Margaret Femia and Tianna Begonis

Absent unexcused:

3. Public Input:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for August 26th, 2013 were reviewed by the committee and a motion to accept the minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Dave. The minutes were approved 8-0.

5. Reports:

Trash Tonnage Report – The tonnage was below the 30% for the first time in many months at a little over 26%. There was no outstanding reason for the August decline but last August saw a decline as well. The committee will review the results in September to see if they return to the 30% level.

Expenditure Report (HRC) – No report available for the committee

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Clean Up Days – The next clean-up day will be September 28th, 2013 8am to 12pm and a pass is needed.

Yard Waste Disposal – This happens every Saturday from 8am until Noon (April – November) and no pass is needed for yard waste disposal.

Holiday Schedule – The next adjustment to trash and pick up is November 28th, 2013 (Thanksgiving). The schedule will be no pick up on Thursday and the schedule will be pushed out one day later than your normal day to Friday and Saturday.

HLN Column & E-mails to Committee – No emails were received and no inquiries were outstanding for the past month. The column was not run for the month however Cheryl will be working on an article for October.

Energy Committee Business – Linda did not have any outstanding items in progress. Jason is still looking into the Northern pass issue and attempting to see the issue and how Jason also heard about wind farms for Massachusetts that will power about 160K homes. The final landing area of the wind farm is unknown. Linda discovered some information about solar panels available for non-profits free of charge with just a charge for the installation

6. Old Business:

Roadside clean-ups update – Speare and Windham road were approved and the clean-up will run on September 28th from 11-2. Leo purchased clear bags for the event and the group will meet at Benson Park parking lot. The event is listed on our facebook page and has been communicated to the biology teachers at Alvirne to announce to students. Cheryl will attempt to put a small blurb into the HLN to promote the clean-up day.

Combine Committees – The committees have been working well together. Linda and Leo will go in front of the BOS on September 24th to propose the merging of the committees. A name change was suggested by Cheryl. Cheryl made a motion to call the new committee the Sustainability Committee and was seconded by Linda. The motion was passed 8-0. Jason made a motion to recommend to the BOS that the Energy and Recycling committee to combine. The motion was seconded by Lisza and was passed 8-0.

7. New Business:

Budget FY 15 – All adjustments to the budget need to be forwarded to the town by Friday, October 4th. The committee will review the budget for line items that would need to be added for future advertising, etc. Jason made a motion to accept the FY15 budget as previously proposed. The motion was seconded by Dave and passed 8-0.

Kiwanis Pumpkin Fest – The event will be held October 18,19 & 20, 2013 from 4-8 on Friday, 11-8 on Saturday and Sunday 11-5. The committee would like to have a table and Leo will be sending out a coverage sheet for the event.

Other Business for Committee – A suggestion was made by a resident to have a town shred day. Jason would like to propose a shredding day for the town with the committee. The committee will look into the logistics of doing this for the town.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Cheryl – Disappointed in the recycling percentage.

Lisza – Please join the committee or communicate with us on email or Facebook

Dave – Agreed with others comments

Linda – It would be wonderful for the residents to offer up their ideas even if they cannot serve on the committee.

Linda is very disappointed in the lower level of recycling in the month.

Frank – Excited to see the new committees combining and have great faith in the future of a combined committee

Leo – The map for the clean-up day was a big hit and decided the roads to be cleaned up. The town can reach us through email or by Facebook. Please contact us with your ideas.

Uday – Let’s make up for the low percentage of recycling last month with a great turn out at the clean-up event

Jason – If the selectman approve the merger of the committee please come out and support your town by volunteering for our committee. The committee has been a great experience

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on October 28, 2013 at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave and seconded by Cheryl. The motion was passed 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Frank Rosier

9/23/2013

Frank Rosier, Vice-Chairman of Recycling Committee

Date

