



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Recycling Committee



Connie Owen, Chairwoman

Ben Nadeau, Selectmen Liaison

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April 25, 2011 – **7PM**

Hudson Town Hall -**BOS Meeting Room** -12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

### MINUTES

#### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7pm

#### **2. Attendance**

Present: Connie Owen, Cheryl Freed, Lisza Elliott, Leo Bernard, Tim Nawrocki, Todd Wehner, David Jelley, Ben Nadeau,

Absent Excused: Frank Rosier

#### **3. Public Input**

None

#### **4. Approval of Minutes** – March 28, 2011

Minutes tabled to next meeting due to significant changes

#### **5. Old Business**

**Review of Trash Tonnage Report** – Still averaging a little over 24%. There was an adjustment to the February figure which raised the percentage back up to 25% for February. There is a nice graphic displayed in the most recent column in the HLN

**Power Point Presentation** – The presentation was displayed to the public on the Chamber of Commerce gathering at South Eastern Container. The BOS was looking for a recycling video to run during their breaks on air. The committee will adjust the timing and forward to the BOS for use. We could also leverage with local business and at school presentations, etc.

**HLN Column** – Cheryl has sent out a draft of next column and would like to have input from the committee before submission next week. The column will focus on the carry in, carry out policy at local parks and ball fields. Cheryl will include a invitation to the readers for suggestions to increase awareness about the policy. Cheryl will include a thank you to all for the success of the Compost Bin Sale.

**Banners** – Connie still has the Library Street banner for use at next Chamber of Commerce event at Alvirne High School.

**Compost Bin Sale** – The sale totaled 32 compost bins, 29 rain barrels and 20 kitchen pails. The sale was very successful and thanks to everyone that participated. If you still need to pick up any merchandise it can still be picked up between 7am-3pm M-TH at the Highway Department. Connie will follow up on some accessories missing from an order. There was some interest in additional sales after the original sale was complete. Is there any interest in taking any additional orders? The supplier still has some inventory. If we take orders we would need to transport them from the facility

to the town to avoid any up charge for delivery. Big thanks to Cathy Wilson at the town hall and the staff at the Highway department for their coordination and assistance to make the sale a success.

**Upcoming Events** – Chamber of Commerce Events next invite is Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at Alvirne High School from 4-7. Connie can set up early and Cheryl will be in attendance. Lisza will report on the banners being displayed in the Memorial Day Parade. The Old Home Days information is out and Connie will put out the schedule to participate for the four days. The committee is in favor of participation. An idea was brought up to have one of Cheryl's husband's sculptures to represent reuse. Cheryl will bring some samples to a future meeting.

**2011 School Scavenger Hunt** – The contest is complete and the entries have been picked up from the schools by Frank. Thanks to Cheryl for soliciting Enterprise Bank for donation of prizes for the winners that they will possibly present to the students at the BOS meeting. Winners have not yet been drawn but the winners will be celebrated before a future BOS meeting. Notice of a week in advance will be needed to get on the BOS agenda.

**Input from citizens** – Inquiry from citizen about plastic bags other than supermarket bags. The answer is that you can and they are handled the same as plastic bags, make a bag of bags and put in the glass/plastic bin. Second inquiry referred to milk and juice cartons and whether they go in paper or plastic and the answer is they should go in the plastic/glass bin. The same applies to milk, cream and juice boxes. The third inquiry was in regards to if the town was back charged for trash that was included in the recycling bins and the answer at this time is no. Fourth inquiry was around the disposal of yard waste. There is no current system in place for yard waste on a regular basis for disposal or composting. An idea from the committee was to have composting as well as recycling at Old Home Days to promote composting. Todd will do some research to see if this could be possible.

**Other** - none

## **6. New Business**

**Consideration to extend bin/barrel sale** – See notes above in old business under Compost Bin Sale

**New approaches to sports field recycling** – The committee will think of ideas for new possibilities for making the sports fields recycling program to work.

**Possible charitable donation** – Possibility of a donation from Tim's company to support out local efforts around recycling in the town. The committee will inquire if this is possible and what would be necessary to facilitate it. Connie will check with Cathy for details.

**Drug drop off** – This Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Walmart and Walgreens between 10am and 2pm there will be a drop off of unused prescriptions. There will be a uniformed officer to oversee the process for the 4 hours at both locations.

**Brush and yard waste pick up date** – Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> will have a waste pick up for barrels and biodegradable leaf bags. Brush must be bundled in a manageable size.

## **7. Committee Member Comments**

**Tim** – Work has been busy and have all think about uses for possible funds if they can be appropriated to the committee.

**Todd** – Looking forward to perusing the Old Home Days event with alternatives to just recycling

**Connie** – Thanks to Brenda and the Chamber as well for opportunities to get businesses and the whole town on the same page around recycling. Looking forward to seeing the results from the school contest.

**Cheryl** – Thanks to Brenda and the Chamber for including us in their events. These are great opportunities for us.

**Leo** – None

**David** – It is important that the committee gets feedback and appreciates the feedback about the Southeast Container visit.

#### **8. Highway Department Liaison Comments**

None

#### **9. Selectman Liaison Comments**

**Ben** – Ben had a question about K-cups and if they are recyclable. The answer is yes and contents must be emptied. Also had great feedback about the booth at Southeast container from the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Next meeting will be on May 23, 2011 in the BOS meeting room

**11. Motion to Adjourn** – Motion by Leo, seconded by Dave. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm