



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes



Leo C. Bernard, Chairman Sustainability Dave Morin, Selectman Liaison

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April 22, 2019 – 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order By:** Leo Bernard at 7:01pm
2. **Attendance By:** Leo Bernard, Linda Kipnes, Richard Kahn, Debbie Putnam, Caitlin Chiquelin, Jenn Grimaldi and Tim Wyatt. Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison, present. Lisza Elliot excused
3. **Public Input:** Joyce Bellefeuille of Oak Ridge Estates, Hudson, NH explained the interest in organizing residents of the Oak Ridge Estates to assist in the Roadside Cleanup on April 27.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes March 25, 2019 approved with corrections to one sentence as approved by Leo Bernard. Edited minutes emailed to Lorrie Weissgarber on April 23.
5. **Reports:**
 - Review of Trash Tonnage Report (March 2019)
 - Expenditure Report: March 2019 will be released to members for next scheduled meeting.
 - **Next Clean Up Days: Hudson Landfill April 27, May 25 - 2019**
8:00am-12:00pm {Pass Needed for 2019} Last Saturday of the Month
 - **Yard Waste Disposal, Metal and Cardboard Recycling Every Saturday: Hudson Landfill**
April – November 8:00am-12:00pm {No Pass Need}
 - **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: Nashua Public Works Garage**
Thursday June 6, 3:00-7:00pm and Saturday, August 3 8:00am-12:00pm
www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call (603) 424-2240 for information.
 - **E-mails to Committee** from [\[HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM\]](mailto:HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM)
NH Energy Week – roundtable meeting hosted by NH Energy – Leo, Linda attended
6. **Old Business:**

Trash Tonnage report: The review of the report stimulated considerable discussion started by Tim Wyatt expressing interest in reaching out to Tony Belanger of Pinnard Waste Systems. All members agreed that the committee should to seek clarification and suggestions regarding various recycling matters – contract with town, how to improve participation in recycling by residents (new explanation sticker for each Blue Tote). Jenn brought up the topic of how to encourage businesses to use recyclable To-Go containers and how to encourage grocery stores to not use foam trays, etc. Caitlin contributed detailed information about the recycling industry in US and abroad. Selectman Morin suggested that the committee hold educational sessions for organizations throughout Hudson.

Extensive discussion focused on the concept of a municipal composting system evolving in Hudson: is it feasible, is it cost effective, is the projected participation sufficient to support the system, will a warrant article need to be presented to voters?

Earth Day Party and Roadside Cleanup: Final arrangements completed for both events. Items for Roadside Cleanup and items for the Earth Day Party were identified and various members coordinated to make sure all would be ready for each event. Selectman Morin explained that it is preferable that when hosting events, committees use town owned tables, chairs, and equipment instead of their own personal items.

7. New Business:

Website: Jenn Grimaldi explained the launch of the committee’s new website. Linda Kipnes reported on communication with the Town’s IT department. Selectman Morin noted that it is acceptable for the Sustainability Committee to host their own website if all documents and informational links are also available to residents on the Town’s newly updated website.

Rules of Procedure: Selectman Morin explained that the committee needs to develop a detailed set of “Rules and Procedures” in accordance with the information that will be presented during the informational meeting on May 2, 2019. In addition, a detailed information document needs to be developed to hand to new members so they may understand the committee’s goals, regularly scheduled events and the responsibilities of each of the officers.

Election of Officers: The election will take place during the next scheduled meeting.

Energy Matters: Linda Kipnes presented a number of energy-saving ideas and projects she continues to work on. One important email – Energy Saving Projects for small business. The installation of a new lighting system at the Rodgers Memorial Library along with the monitoring of the system after installation. A key project is a Capital Improvements Program proposal – Community Improvement program - that would fund energy saving projects across at least 2 town buildings along with the subsequent monitoring of savings – energy and monetary. Linda will do a presentation on May 6. Selectman Morin briefly explained the process for seeking approval.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Tim Wyatt – Earth Day – Everyone Welcome!

Debbie Putnam – All welcome to the Earth Day Party: Plants, demonstrations and energy saving info.

Jenn Grimaldi – Welcomed Tim to the committee and Happy Earth Day!

Richard Kahn – Hoping many residents turn up to help out at the Roadside Cleanup. All welcome to Earth Day Party!

Selectman Morin – Residents who volunteer on town committees are sincerely appreciated. The Town will be hosting an informational evening on May 2, 2019 at 7pm – “Effective Meetings & The Right-to-Know Law.”

Linda Kipnes – Happy Earth Day! (see Energy Matters section above)

Leo Bernard – Happy Earth Day! Roadside Cleanup this weekend – Volunteers greatly appreciated. Earth Day Party the same day! Leo asked Selectman Morin about his availability should the committee have questions. Selectman Morin advised he intends to attend all future meetings and will advise if unable to attend.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date: Jenn Grimaldi entered a motion to have the next meeting on June 24, 2019. Tim Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 votes in favor and 2 against.

- The next meeting will be held on **June 24, 2019** at the Buxton meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourned at 8:48pm - Richard Kahn entered the motion to adjourn, Caitlin Chiquelin seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Clerk

05/05/2019

Date