



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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October 28, 2019 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** L Kipnes called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. **Attendance:** L Bernard, C Chiquelin, R Kahn, L Kipnes (Vice Chair), D Morin (Selectman Liaison), J Stone-Grimaldi (Communications Officer), T Wyatt (Secretary), **Excused:** D Putnam (Chair)
3. **Public Input:** None in attendance.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2019 meeting that was seconded and **passed** unanimously without discussion.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Solid Waste/Recycling Collection Report** (sent with Agenda): L Kipnes reported the percentage of recycling to trash at 23.4% up slightly from the previous month. L Bernard reported that the same month last year was 25.85%. There was discussion about possible reasons why the percentage was going down. R Kahn demonstrated a repurposed materials clock that he made as an example of reusing instead of creating waste.
 - **Expenditure Report:** L Kipnes reported that office supplies are the only item on the report.
 - **Energy Conservation Report:** L Kipnes proposed a warrant article for \$25,000.00 to upgrade town hall with energy efficient lighting. L Bernard commented that HCTV will require specific camera lightning for meeting coverage. There was discussion about life expectancy for energy efficient lighting and how long it will take to benefit from savings. It was reported that recent town building improvements have used energy efficient lightning and planned building improvements will also use energy efficient lighting. The town administrator will be contacted regarding creation of a savings fund for the purpose of future energy efficiency upgrades. L Kipnes also reported on NH SB286, Community Power or Municipal Aggregation, which will provide an opportunity for the town to negotiate energy savings by joining with other towns to benefit from the program. NRPC and Clean Energy NH currently participate and will provide resources to help take advantage of the program. There was a **motion** by T Wyatt to create a Sub-committee of the Sustainability Committee to coordinate efforts for the NH SB286 program. The motion was seconded and there was discussion about committee participation and community outreach. Following discussion, the **motion** was passed unanimously.
 - **Next Clean Up Days:** L Kipnes reported **Hudson Landfill Nov. 30 - 2019 8:00am-12:00pm** {Pass Needed for 2019 – 3 free per year for Hudson residents} Last Saturday of the Month
 - **Yard Waste Disposal, Metal and Cardboard Recycling Every Saturday:** L Kipnes reported **Hudson Landfill April through the end of November 8:00am-12:00pm** {No Pass Needed} The last Saturday in November will be the last date until April 2020!
 - **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:** L Kipnes reported **Nashua Public Works Garage November 2 - 8:00am-Noon will be the last date in 2019!** www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call (603) 424-2240 for information.
 - **E-mail to Committee** L Kipnes reported no messages received from HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM

6. Action items:

- **New Mission Statement:** L Kipnes requested that committee members read the mission statement and policies and procedures documents to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting per the recommendation of Selectman Liaison D Morin in keeping with town meeting policies.
- **Purchase of A-Frame signs completed:** L Kipnes reported that the signs are light weight for easy transport and are available for other town committee events. Each sign was marked with permanent marker “Hudson Sustainability Committee”, “Property of Town of Hudson, NH”. Printing of the signs started with a design created by L Elliot and then D Putnam worked with Staples to have four “posters” created. Two signs were deployed by D Putnam and then collected by L Kipnes.
- **Oct. 5 Roadside Cleanup:** C Chiquelin reported that a card of thanks to be signed by members at this meeting will be sent to one group and a thank you from D Putnam will be sent by e-mail to another group.
- **Budget for 2020-2021 (\$1300.00):** L Kipnes reported that the budget was submitted to Kathy Carpentier for presentation to the BOS as per schedule approved by the BOS.
- **Website – Communications Officer:** There was a **motion** by R Kahn to nominate J Stone-Grimaldi to the position of Communications Officer, which was seconded and without further discussion **passed** unanimously. J Stone-Grimaldi will work with the town IT Department to make changes to the Sustainability Committee page of the town website in place of the previous committee web site.
- **Benevity Causes – Lowes:** R Kahn reported that he will remain available to the town administrator to provide further information as needed.
- **Adopt a Road Program:** R Kahn will use a copy of the program agreement from a nearby town as a guide to provide information to the BOS along with the cost of a similar road sign.
- **Roadside cleanup signs:** L Bernard reported that of the original twelve cardboard roadside cleanup signs, only two remain. It was decided to table the discussion to purchase more signs until a later meeting when the cost of the signs could be provided.

7. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

- J Stone-Grimaldi offered thanks for the nomination to Communications Officer and is looking forward to increased recycling over the holidays
- C Chiquelin reported that flowers left over from the Earth Day celebration had been planted and thrived wonderfully lasting well into the Fall looking absolutely beautiful.
- R Kahn requested that the repurposed materials clock which was demonstrated toward the beginning of the meeting be installed in town hall with information about the design as a way to promote recycling.
- T Wyatt wished all a Happy Halloween, offered thanks to roadside cleanup volunteers and requested the 2020 Earth Day event (50th) be added to an upcoming agenda for special planning.
- L Kipnes offered thanks to roadside cleanup volunteers, encouraged participation in the SB286 Subcommittee and reminded residents to please recycle, reuse and repurpose.
- D Morin made a special presentation to Linda Kipnes on behalf of the BOS in Recognition of Twelve Years Dedicated Volunteerism to the town with much appreciation and gratitude.

8. **Selection of Next Meeting Date:** L Kipnes recommended and the Committee agreed that the next meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7pm in place to be determined.

9. **Adjourned:** Upon completion of Committee business, there was a **motion** to adjourn by C Chiquelin that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by L Kipnes.

Tim Wyatt

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

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