



TOWN OF HUDSON



Sustainability Committee

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October 22, 2018 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order By:** Leo Bernard
- 2. Attendance By:** Leo Bernard, Linda Kipnes, Lisza Elliott, Richard Kahn, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi.
Excused: Debbie Putnam
- 3. Public Input:** Jess Forrence (Liaison to Public Works): Recycling will become very strict. We must follow the list of acceptable recyclables on the new brochure starting in January. These regulations are not new, but Hudson must catch up to the rest of the towns. The sustainability committee will pass along this information to the best of our ability.

Leo wishes Jess well in his new position as Public Works Director.

Linda reminds the public that we have a helpful list of how to recycle and reuse many different items that may otherwise be thrown away.

- 4. Approval of Minutes:** August 27, 2018 and September 24, 2018 are accepted. June minutes were not available.
- 5. Reports:**
 - Review of Trash Tonnage Report (September 2018): We went down from 26 to 25.
 - Expenditure Report: Unavailable.
 - **Next Clean Up Days:** October 27, 8am to 12pm {Pass Needed for 2018} Last Saturday of the Month
 - **Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday {April – November}** From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
 - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: Aug 4, Oct 6, Nov 3, **Nashua Public Works Garage**
www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call (603) 424-2240

6. Old Business:

Clean-up Day October 13, 2018 10 AM to 1 PM Old Derry Rd. Hudson, NH 03051 (Saturday)
{36 Blue Recycling Bags and 9 Black Trash Bags}: It was successful. The pictures are on our facebook page.

We have gone before the selectman and our budget was passed, but cut down. Richard asked if we were given a reason why our budget was cut and Leo said we were not. Linda believes it is because we never spend all of the money in our budget, but is not sure.

Budget Committee Meeting on: Monday November 26, 2018. Due to this, we will not be having our regular meeting.

7. New Business:

Debbie Putnam emailed about the OSI Announcement of \$100,000 Grant for School Energy Efficiency Project, but unfortunately was not present to speak on it.

Richard Kahn reached out to superintendent Russell about the recycling repurposing contest, but has yet to hear back. He would like to leave the opportunity open for schools to participate. He would like to advertise the contest, potentially in the Hudson Litchfield News. He suggests that an example of reusing the plastic bags that will not be accepted in our recycling bins is to weave them into an item like a purse.

Leo mentions that Walmart, Market Basket, Hannaford and Rite Aid take plastic bags back for recycling.

8. Committee Member Comments:

Lizsa wants to make sure that our public continues to recycle and adheres to the new requirements. Maybe we can send out flyers in an HLN mailing one week in December. Leo believes the town has the budget for advertising the new recycling requirements.

Jennifer suggests that we may meet earlier in January so we do not have so long of a break between meetings. Leo says that we can move the December meeting earlier in the month if we do have something pressing come up. Rich asks what the rules are for public notification if we do have an extra meeting. Leo says that we only need a 24 hour notice to the public.

Linda would like to know if we're doing another Earth Day Event and should we be thinking about that in January when we reconvene. Rich suggests that we need to consider our budget in terms of advertising for the recycling repurposing contest and potentially advertising the Earth Day event alongside that.

Jennifer says that if we make the Earth Day event at Benson Park an annual event, people may come to anticipate it and maybe its popularity would grow. Maybe we could announce the winners of the contest at the Earth Day event. Lizsa says that Earth Day is on Easter weekend and that's something to consider. Linda says we have the library for display purposes in March and maybe we could vote there. Rich would like to run with announcing the winners of the contest at the Earth Day event. Rich will contact PMA about participating in the contest. We will leave the contest open to all Hudson residents. Rich will contact Len at HLN to see if he will offer us a discounted rate for advertising.

Linda is disappointed to see recycling going down and is concerned that the impending limitations may impact it even more. She would like to see the percentages up close to 25. She thanks everyone who did the roadside cleanup.

Leo echoes Linda's sentiment on the roadside cleanup. Leo cancelled the November and December meetings because of the conflict with the budget committee and the upcoming holidays. HLN will give information about recycling Christmas trees. We will communicate in the event that we need a meeting between now and our regularly scheduled January meeting.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

- The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2019 at the Buxton meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn: 7:44



Jenn Stone-Grimaldi Acting Clerk of Sustainability Committee

10/23/2018
Date