



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee



Linda Kipnes, Chairman

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**January 22, 2018 – 7PM**

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

**Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room**

1. **Call to Order By: Linda Kipnes at 7:08pm**
2. **Attendance By: Linda Kipnes, Leo Bernard, Lisza Elliott, Jennifer Grimaldi, Mike Tranfaglia, Debbie Putnam** (Kathleen Meighan excused)
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** November 27, 2017 minutes approved by committee
5. **Reports:**
  - Review of Trash Tonnage Report – Wonderful % for Recycling in December 2017!
  - Expenditure Report - None
  - **Next Clean Up Days:** Feb 24, March 31: 8am to 12pm {Pass Needed for 2018}
  - **Yard Waste, Cardboard and Metal Disposal Only Every Saturday {April – November}**  
From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
  - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: start back up April 2018 in Nashua
  - HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from {hudsonsustainability@gmail.com}:  
Jennifer set up **new** Facebook page – Hudson Sustainability—this page is more accessible to all. Committee approved distribution of funds to cover fees to “boost posts.”  
Jennifer and Debbie to work on an article for HLN promoting Earth Day Party and energy saving ideas. Members to email Jennifer pictures of past events the committee has hosted for posting on the new page.
6. **Old Business:**

**Earth Day event** –April 22, 1-4pm, A-Frame at Benson Park, Benson Park Usage application approved by Kevin Burns, Hudson Highway Dept. on February 6, 2018,

*Projects to be completed:*

Finalize a title for the event.

Determine an approximate budget – Ad, raffle prizes including gift certificates, snacks, planting materials and containers.

Mike offered to create a flyer and a separate Ad in coordination with Margaret Femia.

Members to then distribute promotional flyer to businesses around town, post flyer to new Facebook page, email flyer to Donna Graham for distribution to each Town own building and all schools, enlarge and laminate one flyer for posting the weekend before at Benson Park after getting approval to post a flyer at Benson Park.

Purchase Ad space in the HLN. Submit news blurb for HLN Community Calendar, submit article to HLN promoting Earth Day event activities plus helpful energy saving ideas. See if one or more PowerPoint “slides” can be run on the Town TV channel. Can the flyer be posted at Community Center for Voting Day?

*Develop free raffle* for multiple useful prizes that winners can take home with them that afternoon. Raffle to be open to any parent who brings a child to participate in the activities – not just Hudson residents.

What snacks will be available? Which members can commit to helping run the Earth Day Party?

*Members* to reach out to local businesses for peat pots, seeds, planting soil & small plants, collect paper egg cartons at home, source items for Free Raffle to be paid for with committee funds.

**Renewable Energy Tool Belt:** Jill Longval, NRPC: Linda Kipnes released links to PDF packet for the Tool Belt to members via email January 28, 2018 for members to review.

**Solar light poles** – Mike presented information gathered from discussions with companies regarding options and probably associated costs to convert Light Poles to Solar.

Discussion then moved to the conversion of Town lights and street lights to LED technology. Communication with Affinity LED Lighting – John Branagan (Affinity), Kevin Burns and Debbie Putnam. Kevin Burns authorized Eversource to release data to Affinity regarding the number of lights poles in Hudson and “who” is responsible for which poles. Affinity developed a detailed proposal. Kevin Burns authorized Debbie to advise Affinity that the first step is for Affinity to release the proposal (PDF packet) to Kevin Burns (Debbie sent message to Affinity 2/23/18) In their email on 2/22/18 Affinity note that they would like “to set up a time to come and meet you so that we can show you our equipment and explain the full proposal.” It is vital that Kevin Burns has time to carefully review and assess Affinity’s proposal before a presentation is arranged which could include Kevin Burns, Steve Malizia and/or the Board of Selectmen.

Note: Kevin Burns suggested to Debbie that since the Town is completely responsible for Jette Field that the lights at that location could be a “Test Site” for conversion to Solar or LED technology. Kevin has detailed information on the light poles throughout Hudson – town vs. state owned. Kevin also has a working relationship with Eversource.

#### 7. **New Business:**

**Future projects:** The Reduce, Reuse, Recycle “chart” was given a fresh new look by Mike Tranfaglia with the data updated by Debbie Putnam. The final 2018 chart was released to Brenda Collins (Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce), Jennifer Grimaldi for posting on new Facebook page, Susan Kaempf for posting on committee’s page on Town website. Final 2018 chart emailed to members on 1/30/18.

#### **Future of Sustainability**

**Energy usage benchmarking by Eversource:** ? to begin in 2018. Need committee member to monitor information posted to help determine which buildings are the least efficient...and thus, best ones to focus on when developing ideas regarding the reducing energy usage.

8. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:** New 2018 Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide included in a January edition of the HLN, Fantastic to see recycling numbers up for December, the more that is recycled = lower taxes, Celebrate Earth Day with the Sustainability Committee on April 22 at Benson Park!

#### 9. **Selection of Next Meeting Date:**

- The next meeting will be held on **February 26, 2018** at the Buxton meeting room at 7pm.

#### 10. **Adjourned at 8:11pm**

**Debbie Putnam**

Debbie Putnam, Clerk

**2/25/2018**

Date

