



TOWN OF HUDSON



Sustainability Committee Minutes

Linda Kipnes, Chairman Marilyn McGrath, Selectmen Liaison

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June 26, 2017 – 7PM

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

Buxton C.D. Meeting Room

1. Call to Order By:

The meeting was called to order by Linda Kipnes at 7:04

2. Attendance By:

Leo Bernard, Linda Kipnes, Debra Putnam, Michael Tranfaglia, and Kathleen Meighan

3. Public Input:

Ben Dibble (Hudson Scouts) attended.

4. Approval of Minutes:

No Minutes for the May meeting as there wasn't a quorum.

5. Reports:

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – no Tonnage report
- **Expenditure Report** – spent less than 25% of the budget
- **HLN Column & E-mails to Committee** – important emails forwarded to whole group, need article in HLN in fall to start promoting Earth Day activities tentatively be held at Benson Park.
- **Trash Pickup** – delayed by one day the week of July 4
- **Energy Items** – see comments section

6. Old- New Business:

Roadside clean-up – Next one in spring of 2018 close to Earth Day. Solicit support from a variety of groups/organizations within Hudson – Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Church groups, Rotary, Alvirne HS Key Club and Biology classes.

Renaming “Roadside Cleanup” important to changing the image of the activity. Solicit the donation of prizes (gift cards) that teams and/or individual residents can win.

7. Action Item Review –

- Elections postponed until after appointment of renewals.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Linda attended a conference – Smart Solar Lighting, Vermont way ahead of NH on encouraging/supporting renewable energy activities – Rules and Regs apply State-wide as compared to NH where individual towns institute their own rules and regs along with negotiations. Burlington VT – goal is to reach on average 100% power from renewable energy sources. On-line tools available.

Committee discussed –

Hollis Solar Farm, Kate Epton working on a set of zoning and planning ordinances for Solar. Developing a resolution in support of the Paris Agreement – solicit signatures from individuals &/or whole BOS to file with town – Donna Graham. Possible small solar array to power the Benson's Elephant Barn as a manageable project that will serve as an example to town residents of the positive attributes of Solar Installations.

Explore options for a Solar installation to help power the new Fire Station.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on July 24

Meeting in August canceled

10. Comments by committee members:

Please handle Fireworks safely. Do not throw trash out the windows of cars. Bring home all trash. Put recyclables in to Blue Bin and trash in to the Black Bin.

11. Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda at 8:02pm

Debra Putnam
Communications Officer

Date Sept 25, 2017