



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

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January 23, 2017 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order By: Linda Kipnes**
2. **Attendance By:** Kathy Meighan, Cheryl Freed, Leo Bernard, Lisza Elliott, Debbie Putnam
3. **Public Input: none**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** November 28, 2016 – at February meeting
5. **Reports:**
 - Review of Trash Tonnage Report
 - Expenditure Report - Expenditures for 9 posters and “backpacks” for use during Roadside Cleanups approved by unanimous vote. Lisza approved to file for all expenses she incurred in connection with the Earth Day 2016 contest winning posters and the “backpacks.”
 - **Next Clean Up Days:** March 25; 8am to 12pm {NEW Pass Needed for 2017}
 - **Yard Waste Disposal, Metal and Cardboard Only Every Saturday** {**April – November**} From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
 - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: starting again April 22, Nashua
 - HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from {hudsonsustainability@gmail.com} No email conversations. Cheryl will be writing a new article for the HLN.
 - Energy Items: The most recent article written by Cheryl and printed in the HLN included information on reducing energy use. The next article will continue the “conversation.”
6. **Old Business:**
 - Banners and posters – Posters designed and ordered (3 sets of three different designs) by Lisza were presented to members at the meeting. The three different poster designs were presented at the following week’s BOS meeting. BOS granted approval for the posters to be displayed at events and at meetings.
 - Solar UP/Solarize campaign – Long discussion, bottom line is that there isn’t the manpower available to organize and run a campaign...as all work would need to be done by volunteers. The alternate is to fund a campaign by filing for grant money which is a complex and time consuming process. Debbie sent out an email to those who had attended a past Solar info evening or Button Up NH presentation asking about interest in being involved in a Solar campaign that would include surrounding towns. No responses received.
 - Energy/recycle contest for 2017 – Concept of a “Garden” theme presented by Cheryl with the members voting to fully support the concept. Cheryl and Lisza to work together to launch the “competition” in the kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms throughout Hudson. Engaging the staff at each school to be done with emails and flyers.
 - Hillsborough County – Tree Seedling Sale – Linda to explore whether this program will be active in 2017. The idea being it would be promoted through the committee’s Earth Day activities.

7. New Business:

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle one page version of the 2017 chart was reviewed and approved for release to the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce for inclusion in their annual publication. The 2017 chart was emailed to Town Hall for posting on one of the committee’s pages along with the second page of the chart which could be posted “as is” due to the fact that no updates are needed.

Town and School deliberative Sessions: February 4 and 11 - Lisza will work on a poster promoting Roadside Cleanups and the new “back packs” to be posted at future sessions, meetings, and possibly on voting days.

Research Town Master Plan to see if Energy chapter needed – Cheryl to look in to this. Committee to decide at subsequent meetings if the members should/need to develop a section of text for inclusion in the “Master Plan.”

Research local energy committees for possible projects – Members to look in to this as they have the time. Linda to check with the Benson committee regarding the possible use of the Solar powered street lights in the park.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments: Each member present expressed their continued support of the participation by residents in recycling programs. All members are enthusiastic about the concepts and plans for the Earth Day contest focusing on “Gardens.”

9. Adjourn: At 8:07pm

Debbie Putnam

Debbie Putnam, Communication Officer

2/24/2017

Date

