



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Linda Kipnes, Chairman Marilyn McGrath, Selectmen Liaison



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November 28, 2016 – 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:** L. Cheryl Freed, Deb Putnam, Lisza Elliot (A), Kathleen Meighan, Linda Kipnes, Mike Tranfaglia, Rob Cooper
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** October 24, 2016. M. Tranfaglia motioned, D. Putnam seconded. Accepted unanimously.
5. **Reports:**
 - Review of Trash Tonnage Report
 - We were at 25% in September. There will likely be an increase over the holidays.
 - It was noted that Styrofoam cannot be recycled
 - **Final Clean Up Day for 2016:** December 31st; 8am to 12pm {Pass Need}
 - Will resume in the spring
 - **Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday through December 31, 2016** From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
 - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: no more this year
 - Will resume in the Spring
 - HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM
 - Cheryl working on next article – it will be about the drought
 - Energy Items:
 - Will ask Library if they would like to highlight Energy conservation during the month of April
 - Cheryl will talk to Charlie
 - The Solarize campaign
 - is a project for people who are interested in getting Solar to form a group to get discounts and price advantages. If anyone is interested, contact Debbie Putnam.
 - It can save you money.
 - The Sustainability Committee cannot be involved in choosing an installer.
 - Linda says that people may email her also. It doesn't have to be Hudson people only. People from surrounding towns can also participate. Windham, Nashua, Merrimack, Litchfield, etcetera
 - Debbie will reach out to everyone who has participated in the Button Up NH workshops.
 - Roadside Cleanup/Earth Day
 - Cheryl: Suggests a date of April 15th (the 3rd Saturday) for the Spring community cleanup
 - Benson's Park needs to be contacted about reservations for the Earth Day Party – Linda will do this.
 - Linda: while we do road side cleanup, let's really encourage people to do neighborhood cleanup
6. **Old Business:**
 - Banners and posters
 - Lisza presented mock-ups.
 - As soon as Lisza get stands, she will ask for this to be put on the Selectmen's Agenda
 - Linda, we can notify the kids/school once we are on the Selectmen's agenda.

- Lisza will submit the bill for reimbursement
- Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) conference on Nov 17, 1PM
 - Debbie Putnam attended
 - The goal will be to reach out to the 13 communities in the NRPC membership with regards to participating in the Solarize campaign.
 - Any interested people in the town of Hudson, can email Debbie. Debbie wants to have a meeting in December for the Hudson people. This will be the last meeting that Debbie will bring this up because it cannot be sponsored by this committee.
 - Debbie saw in the 10/24 minutes that funding for the NRPC membership has been eliminated from the town budget.
 - We will be bereft from the benefits such as the reduced energy costs.
 - Linda: they did vote to withhold the dues as of July 1st. We're members until then.
 - Debbie: we might be able to approve that the town is saving more than 19k/year
 - Rob suggested that we get the minutes to understand their reasoning.
 - Debbie will ask (Donna Graham) which minutes they are and send them out
 - Rob suggested that we can go to a Selectmen's meeting and provide input if we are so persuaded
- Kudos to Kevin Burns and his crew
 - Debbie: someone dropped a twin-sized mattress set in the wetlands at the corner of Greely and Barret's Hill. She emailed Kevin Burns and it was immediately cleaned up. She thanked the highway department – Kevin Burns and its crew.
- HCTV
 - Debbie: Asked about connecting with HCTV about running the new series of Button Up slides from the 10/11 meeting. Linda will email the slides to all who signed in for the presentation. Linda said the viewers should be able to request a set of slides. Mike suggests saving as a pdf and then sending

7. New Business:

Local Energy Solutions Conference: Saturday Nov 19, Grappone Center, Concord. From 9-4pm

- Linda won't be able to go. Cheryl, Rob, and Leo might go.

Linda wants us to think of energy projects for the town in addition to the Solar Up Campaign

- Leo reminded that we had spoken about reviewing the energy audit report that was done for the town and determining what else can reasonably be done.
 - Linda said she will get a list of what has been done
- Linda has spoken to someone about doing solar installation on town buildings. That conversation has not gone anywhere. She will look to resurrect that conversation or look for someone else.
- Linda: The Electricity Contract that the town through NRPC has an alternative electricity contract. There are 5 or 6 companies that provide the electricity portion of residential service. The part of the bill for the transmission of the electricity and for the capital is not effected.
 - Linda will see if she can find out how much this has saved the town over the years
- Cheryl: We need to think about a contest we can do with the schools for Earth Day. We should come up with a time line and a focus for the schools.
 - Linda → Let's talk about this in November. If we inform them before Christmas, teachers may be able to work it into their time line.
 - Also, vote on November 8th. Our committee won't have a presence at the poles.
 - Will decide on December meeting in November.
- Will we do a Spring contest?
 - Lisza: we should have something to present to the schools by January.
 - Cheryl agrees that the schools need to be told by January
 - Cheryl proposed "Every day is Earth Day" for a name with a deadline of 3/24 so we can look at them during our 3/27 meeting.
 - Cheryl has a list of proposed themes
 - Can go from young to 5th graders.
 - Cheryl will draft a letter. After school gets back from the Christmas break, this can be presented to them. They will have time and topics so that we think we'll get good participation.
 - Will have them in time to highlight Earth Day in April (April 22nd?)
 - Will ask Library if they want to hang some of the kids' submissions
 - Will ask Library if they would like to highlight Energy conservation during the month of April

- Cheryl will talk to Charlie
- Linda: Are we going to do posters or are we looking to do more banners
- Cheryl: Don't know yet. But she agrees that people work better with parameters. She would like to see something more than posters or banners, especially for the older kids.
- Debbie: we can make it like a science fair and put the winners on HCTV
- Lisza: We can make reusable shopping bags
- Linda suggested that we use Google Docs for this. We agreed. Cheryl will post her draft to the teachers.
- Debbie reminded that we concluded that we should remember that we should meet at Benson's for the roadside cleanup
- Our December meeting is scheduled for the 26th. Obviously, we will not meet then. However, we can make good progress via email.
- No one made the Local Energy Conference

8. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

- The next meeting will be held on **January 23, 2017** at 7pm.

9. Adjourn:

Robert Cooper

Robert Cooper, Clerk

02/27/2016

Date

