



# TOWN OF HUDSON



## Sustainability Committee

Linda Kipnes, Chairman Sustainability Marilyn McGrath, Selectmen Liaison

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**October 24, 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:** Mike Tranfaglia, Kathy Meighan, Cheryl Freed, Leo Bernard, Lisza Elliott
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** September 26, 2016. Linda Kipnes abstained.
5. **Reports:**
  - Review of Trash Tonnage Report
    - We were at 30% in September. There was less trash in absolute volume.
  - Expenditure Report
    - Hearing at the Selectmen's meeting last Thursday. It was presented with no change. There was one question that was handled by Linda. It was approved, as is. It is \$4,400. We have money for projects if we'd like to pursue them.
  - **Next Clean Up Days:** Nov 27; 8am to 12pm {Pass Need}
    - This is Thanksgiving Weekend
  - **Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday {April – November}** From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
    - November is next month
  - Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: no more this year
    - No more this year. Will start up in the Spring
  - HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from [HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM)
    - No status
    - Next column, Cheryl will do a Button Up Workshop review and present information on the Solar Up campaign
  - Energy Items:
    - Linda: A New England company is developing solar panels that can be used in sidewalks and roads. It is intended to replace pavement. They're close to having sidewalk version done.
    - Linda: In France, they've developed wind trees for personal use. Not cost effective, yet. They're working to bring the price down.
6. **Old Business:**
  - Banners and posters
    - Lisza: planning on a vertical banner. Floor model or table top model.
  - Solar UP/Solarize campaign: regional meeting at NRPC, Nov 17, 1PM
    - At Town Budget meeting, the funding for our membership was eliminated
    - Membership is 19k/year
    - Possible to get the money restored
    - Not certain of the impact
    - There is a meeting on 11/17 at the NRPC building at 1pm. The office is in Merrimack near the Cinematic Theatre. The purpose of the meeting is to kick-off the Solarize Solar Up campaign.
    - Idea of getting multiple towns involved is to get bigger discounts

- Cheryl will try to attend. Deb will be asked to go.
- Button Up Workshop: report
  - Cheryl was surprised that there were fewer people than she expected. It was worthwhile. People gained valuable insights.
  - Rob mentioned that some people came by before the event began.
    - Suggested that it be recorded
  - Cheryl suggested changing to the old town library to accommodate the recording
  - Linda brought out that recording may not be permissible
  - We will do this again next year. We'll need to sign up early
- Roadside Cleanup: report
  - Only 4 people showed up. Linda, Kathleen, Debbie, and Joe Undercoffler came. Joe is a regular.
  - Did Robinson Road from 102 to Old Derry Road
  - Also Kathleen did 102 near Alvirne and part of Old Derry Road
  - People appreciate when we do it. They honk and waw
  - Kathleen took extra bags to clean up after Halloween
  - Linda – any suggestions on how to get more people to come out
  - When Planet Aid came, there were 25-30. Typically, there are 8-10 people.
  - As result of low turnout, not everything was done that was planned
  - Cheryl: Is the Spring Cleanup more successful than the Fall? Lisza and Linda → Yes
  - Leo: This is the first year that the attendance has been that low. We moved the date from early September. It had to be postponed and that may have contributed to the low turnout
  - We may look to partner with other organizations. E.g. HS students looking to fulfill service hours

## 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 his in November. If we inform them before Christmas, teachers may be able to work it into their time line.

## 8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

- Lisza: Keep up the good work. She hasn't been able to be involved
- Rob: Button Up workshop was good. Come next time. Give committee ideas.
- Mike: No Comment
- Cheryl: Don't forget to vote! Every vote counts
- Kathleen: Ditto for Cheryl
- Leo:
  - Won't be here. Will have surgery on the 23rd. Encourages people to keep recycling.
  - Fourth Monday is the Monday after Christmas. We should look to change this
  - Go out and vote on November 8th
- Linda:
  - Thanks for getting us to 30% recycling. If we could do it once, we could do it again and again and again.
  - Also, vote on November 8th. Our committee won't have a presence at the poles.

- Will decide on December meeting in November.

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

- The next meeting will be held on November 28, 2016 at the Buxton meeting room at 7pm.

**10. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn by Leo and seconded by Mike

**Robert Cooper**

Robert Cooper Clerk of Sustainability Committee

**10/24/2016**

Date

