



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee



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Draft Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2016 – 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051
Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order By: Linda Kipnes at 7:00pm**
2. **Attendance:** Rob Cooper, Leo Bernard, Debbie Putnam, Linda Kipnes, Kathleen Meighan (A)
Lisza Elliott joined at 7:10
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** June 27, 2016
 - **Leo motioned to accept April minutes, Mike seconded. All approved**
 - **Leo motioned to accept the June minutes, Mike seconded. All approved.**
 - i. **Correction to be made to include attendees**
5. **Reports:**
 - **Review of Trash Tonnage Report**
 - Total was 27% for the year. Less than what we would have expected.
 - Mike: researched last 5 years of tonnage reports. There was no pattern evident on when we did well.
 - Our expectation was 30%
 - Debbie: Create powerpoint slides on why recycling helps – could be displayed on HCTV cyclically
 - Debbie: Create ppt to ask people to join committee – could be displayed cyclically
 - Linda: don't know why people don't recycle.
 - Kathleen: recently found out that Jazzercise in Hudson. Found out that they don't recycle the big water jugs. Owner Cindy Robinson said they have no method of doing it. Debbie said they have to have their own contract with Pinard.
 - Town Garage only takes cardboard at this point. No plastics or anything else
 - Lisza wants to know what the protocol is for dropping recycling bins off at the Blue Bins located at Fire Station. Linda to ask Kevin Burns
 - Lisza: maybe the Blue Bins are restricting us to the >30%. Rob: we should ask Pinard. If so, people can use stickers to identify other containers that Pinard will take.
 - Linda and Mike: post a survey on our Facebook page. The admin of our Facebook page may have to be the one to post a survey. Linda asked: what questions?
 - a) Do you recycle?, b) If not, why?, c) What do you propose to increase recycling in the town?, d) household size?

- Leo posted to Facebook. Lisza will post a more detailed survey.
- Rob, partner with Costco, BJ's, Lowes, Sam's Club, Home Depot to get steeply discounted blue recycling bins for homes
- Rob, re-educate people that they can use stickers if they fill up their big blue bins
- Expenditure Report
 - We didn't spend much of our budget. Our budget is the same for next year.
 - Lisza ordered 100 cinch sacks to be used during road side cleanup.
 - Linda: anyone who wants to be directly paid by the town can set up an account with the town. To do this, they need your SSN
- **Next Clean Up Days:** August 27, Sept 24; 8am to 12pm {Pass Need}
 - Every Sat is recycling and yard waste. Last Saturday is everything else and you need a permit. They take metal, hard plastics, and cardboard every Saturday
- **Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday {April – November}** From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
- Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection: Nashua Public Works Garage 9 Stadium Dr. Nashua Saturday August 6, October 1, November 5 8AM – noon
Saturday August 27 8AM – noon at Pelham Village Green
These are run by Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) so anyone in the surrounding towns can go anywhere
- HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from {hudsonsustainability@gmail.com}
- Energy Items:
 - Next button-up NH workshop is all set for Tuesday October 11, 2016
 - Gill Richards is a co-founder of the NH
- Facebook page: Anyone can post. We haven't limited it at all.

6. Old Business:

- Election of officers
 - Originally scheduled for May. Haven't done to due to lack of attendance
 - Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, Communications Officer
 - Debbie proposed and Mike seconded that officers stay the same for this current fiscal year. All approved.
- Banners and posters
 - Lisza: art work was scanned in. At the end of the year, we should think about where we want them posted.
Lisza, we should place the banners in various buildings in the town and not just on the tables during committee and town meetings.
Old Home Days, Bensons park, etceteras
We can make a schedule of them to move them around town
Banners are not on order, yet. Should be done by the November election. Linda will ask the Library.
Lisza said that Presentation of Mary may allow banners to be posted between their light posts.
- Solar UP/Solarize campaign: NRPC?
 - Being part of an NRPC program would give us a deeper discount and we would have a wider audience. They could recommend installers, etceteras. Leo suggested to have them present at one of our meetings. Hollis is very interested.
 - Debbie believes that NRPC will do a lot of leg work and then towns will have town leads. We don't know for sure.
 - NRPC is busy now but they want to get started in September
 - Linda hopes that, if they start in September, installs can start in May 2017
- Further presentations/workshops
 - We are having the Button-up workshop
 - Margaret emailed Debbie about a movie: documentary on impact of climate change on glaciers. Debbie will forward it to committee and maybe we can partner with the Library to show it there.

- Button Up Workshop: October 11, publicity
 - Linda: Do we want to spend budget to advertise.
Put in HLN, August, September, and week before event
Put it on the scroll on HCTV
 - Mike suggests that we reuse graphics from last year
 - Mike asked Debbie to get logos sent to us
- Roadside Cleanup: September 24, street, publicity
 - Need to pick a street
 - Leo posted about the cleanup. Someone responded suggesting Robinson's Road, near the Speedway
 - Margaret provided a map. We can make final decision at next meeting.
 - Debbie will create a blurb for the town cleanup in the HLN Community Calendar
 - Ask friends for suggestions of road to clean up
 - Leo wants to posted a blurb
 - We need to get on the Selectmen's agenda for the 2nd week in September

7. New Business:

- Conferences and workshops
 - None coming up
- Debbie and Liza won't be here August 22nd

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

- Liza and Rob pass
- Leo: likes Liza's bag. He is glad we get volunteers and he encourages more ideas and more people to join. Recycle and Energy Safety
- Kathleen: in last 2-3 weeks, she has seen houses putting up solar panels. Good to see.
- Mike: nc
- Debbie: promoted Button Up workshop. You may be eligible for \$450 home assessment for only \$100.
- Linda: promoted road side cleanup. Please stop littering. Trash on the streets leave bad impression of the town. If you have suggestions on streets, let us know. People can always cleanup their own streets.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

- The next meeting will be held on **August 22, 2016** at the Buxton meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

- Leo motioned to adjourn and Mike seconded.

Linda Kipnes

7/25/2016



Linda Kipnes, Chairman

Date