



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee



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February 22, 2016 – 7PM
Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH
Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. Call to Order By: Linda Kipnes

2. Attendance By: Robert Cooper, Linda Kipnes, Leo Bernard, Michael Tranfaglia, Debra Putnam, Margaret Femia, Lisza Elliott, and L. Cheryl Freed (A)

3. Public Input: Ben Dibble

Earth Day Party

- Would like to change the date to April 17th because April 24th is the first Sunday of School Vacation Week.
- Working with the school to make sure fields are available
- Other activities being planned.
- Putting committee together of Scout troops and High School
- The 23rd is the Road Cleanup day so having the activities separated by a week should help with scheduling.
- The hours of the Earth Day party will remain the same: 1pm to 3pm.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2016

Deb motioned to accept. Mike seconded. All in favor.

5. Reports:

- Review of Trash Tonnage Report
 - Not received
- Expenditure Report
 - Not received
- **Next Clean Up Days:** February 27, 2016 and March 26, 2016, 8am to 12pm {Pass Need}
 - Can get passes at the highway garage
- **Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday {April – November}** From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
 - Can get passes from highway garage
- Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection in Nashua Public Works Garage 9 Stadium Dr. Nashua 2016
- HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from {hudsonsustainability@gmail.com}
 - No emails concerning the next Solar Up presentation
 - Slides sent to HCTV but they have not appeared on the scroll
 - HLN column was published. Cheryl says that people have acknowledged the column and it has some good information in it.
- Energy Items
 - Margaret has no new news.
 - Linda said that France is planning on 600+ miles of solar paneled roads. Will be used for energy.

6. Old Business:

- 2016 Earth Day and the spring Roadside Cleanup
 - Will buy another 1 or 2 recycle bins to raffle off for Earth Day
 - Linda asked if Ben needs help registering people at the event. Ben said, Yes.
 - Linda emailed Planet Aide and they responded that they cannot participate due to cuts in staff
 - Deb: in the past, we reached out to schools and schools gave credit for community service.
 - Linda mentioned that the scouts have an April trip and they leave the weekend prior. This is what caused Ben to reconsider the date.
 - Rob suggested we leave the date for the road-side cleanup where it is.
 - Lisza agreed and added that we haven't had much participation from the high school in the past so we should not consider their potential participation a reason to change the date.
 - **Decision made to keep the Roadside cleanup on the 23rd.**
 - Lisza will contact the high school.
 - Linda: We should start putting something on the cable. We will choose a road and anyone who wants to can do their own street. We can have a day to distribute trash bags. We can do this at the Earth Day Party. Ben agreed that Earth Day would be a good opportunity to distribute the bags.
 - Mike: how will we orchestrate the picking up of the trash bags?
 - Linda: we can let the highway department know. Mike: we can organize it with the highway department. The default method is to have people to dispose of the recycles and the trash in their own bins.
 - Margaret: we should choose a street to drop off filled bags.
 - Deb added that, if people are given one street to drop their bags off, this would make it easy on the highway department and the residents.
 - Lisza suggests Greely Street for the street the Sustainability Committee should clean. We don't want to choose residential streets where we're cleaning up people's front yards.
 - Linda suggested that consider Barretts Hill Road. It is the wooded area across from Brocks and is terrible.
 - Margaret: there is a bad stretch on Robinson Road, too.
 - Lisza: Musquash Road is another possibility
 - Lisza suggests an innovative way to have townspeople vote at the March election.
 - Mike: why not ask the police station? Kevin's crew might know, too. Linda will call Police. Deb will call highway department.
 - Decision will be finalized in email.
- Recycle/reuse Information sheet: finalize
 - Done. Launched. Posted on the web site. Posted to Facebook.
 - Cheryl will help Deb post something as an image to Facebook instead of an attachment.
- Poster/slogan contest
 - Lisza: with the help of Cheryl, I composed something to send to the schools. If everyone likes it, it will be used as a template for all the schools.
 - Lisza read the letter. Deb asked if it was clear how the students will submit their entries. She said it should be clear in the solicitation. Lisza agreed and said that information would be included in the solicitation.
 - Leo suggest that we should ask teachers to email intent to participate or to not participate.
 - Mike: do we plan on giving prizes? Normally, you give prizes for contests.
 - Linda: the prize would be having their slogan put on a banner. This would be one per school.

- In the past, we had a popsicle party for the school that participated the most.
 - Deb: we're offering an opportunity to the kids, but this is much more work for the teachers. Therefore, we need to give them the most information up-front so that they can make a decision. Knowing what the prize is will be a critical part of the incentive and communication so that they can make the proper assessment.
 - Linda: we can say, Submissions will be picked up at the schools on April 2nd.
 - Deb: also, all winning entries will be incorporated into one or more banners to be displayed in the BoS room
 - Lisza: we've done this in the past. There was limited participation in the past. She reminded us that participation is totally optional.
 - Leo: in the past, we narrowed it down and then we gave the kid a certificate from the chairman of the Board of Selectmen. HLN took pictures, too. Teachers already have to do something for Earth Day so we are not adding work to the teachers.
 - Lisza will send out revised solicitation to the group. Upon approval, it will be sent out. Hopefully, next week.
- Solar information presentation: March 3
 - Linda asked HCTV to cover it.
 - Leo suggested that we ask them to televise it live. Linda will ask them.
 - Linda: HCTV doesn't have much set up to do because Hills Memorial Library is all set up.
 - Deb: we should be there by 6:00 pm.
 - Linda, Deb and Margaret will arrive earlier
 - Logistics:
 - Leo: if you'll need a projector, you should let cable know. They may have to hookup more cables.
 - Linda: we should alert the Rogers Library to redirect people who show there by mistake.
 - Margaret: please have this mentioned in the March newsletter from the library. Margaret will email them.
 - There is currently a flyer at the Library for the event.
- Solar Up/ Solarize campaign
 - Linda spoke to Ted Luszey about the extent to which committee members can participate. Ted said that anyone can participate as a resident, but not as a member of the committee.
 - Linda: we are looking for people. The more people, the greater the discount we can get.
 - Deb: we can communicate with each other through email.
 - Deb: we will do letter to the editor

7. New Business:

- Solar in town buildings
 - Linda is investigating the possibility. She has arranged with person doing the presentations to visit the town buildings and to see if it is feasible to have a roof or ground mount installation. If it is feasible, then next step will be taken.
 - If we find some buildings that are good candidates, we could seek grants. What we're doing next is a preliminary feasibility assessment within the first 2 weeks of March.
- Further presentations/workshops
 - Linda: Let's think about the topic for another presentation. Would schedule it for the Fall.
 - We've gotten good community participation and people find the information useful.
 - Deb: Let's remember that the Button-up NH was discussed as an annual event and there is funding.
 - Linda: we should start looking at that now. Deb will contact the organization to see if we can get on their list again.
- Presentation Ideas:
 - Cheryl: a couple of years ago, there was a successful backyard chicken presentation in town.
 - Margaret: Bee keeping would be of interest too.

- Deb: didn't we do this in 2010? Mike, I was there and it was successful. Mike believes that the 4H club sponsored it and it was held at the Police Station. Mike has the flyer still.
- Mike: for the Bees and Chicks, there are only certain times in the year that these creatures can be ordered. Mike will follow-up.
- Leo: we have a Bee keeping club in town that meets on the first Saturday of the month at the Rec from 6-8.
 - Rob will follow up with Bee keeping club. Call the Rec center. They would know. Leo says they don't meet in the summer time. The latest time for the presentation would be the first weekend in June.
- Car Trash Bags and the Pen idea
 - Deb called the customer service at Pilot and they advised that the best way to get the pens is to purchase them through Staples. The pens are a dollar each. Deb said that Staples gives coupons.
 - Liza has not looked into the trash bags for cars, yet. She can look into something inexpensive.
 - Deb: we may want to table this for a future event.
 - Margaret: if we had a sponsor like a bank or store, they could have their name on the items. This could be done for the future.
 - Deb proposes that we table those two ideas.
 - Linda agrees.
 - Linda asked for member to think about anyone businesses that are potential sponsors.
- Cheryl did an inventory of our shirts but did not have a final number. She will bring the final count.
- The T-shirts will be kept for those who help with the "key" roads.
- Leo: we have lots of blue bags. He was uncertain on the trash bags.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

- **Cheryl:** She and Leo had a great time at the 2 deliberative sessions. She was happy we had a table.
- **Lisza:** Passed
- **Margaret:** AAA – braking is inefficient while your driving. Coast to a stop. Take routes where braking is minimized. This has a potential fuel savings by 37%
- **Rob:** Passed
- **Mike:** Passed
- **Deb:** All are invited to the Curious About Solar? Event. Hudson and neighboring towns.
- **Linda:** March 8th voting day we might be able to have a table. It's an all day affair but do we want to investigate it. Cheryl: if we have a table about upcoming events, it can be worth it. Leo is sure we can have a table.
- **Leo:** The deliberative sessions went well. The school was jam-packed. March 8th is election day; get out and vote. Keep recycling and think energy.
- **Linda:** March 8th voting is for local town officials and warrant articles. These elections have a large impact on you. Fewer people come out. Maybe 3.5k people out of 14k registered voters. Now that snow is gone, you can see the trash. Pick it up.
- **Margaret:** because oil prices are low, less recycled materials are used in making of plastic prices. We shouldn't stop recycling, though.
- **Linda:** Throwing things on the
- **Motion to Adjourn: Leo. Seconded: Mike.**

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

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

10. Adjourn:

Robert Cooper
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