



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

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**January 25, 2016 – 7PM**

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

**Selectmen's Meeting Room**

1. **Call to Order By:**        **Linda Kipnes**
  
2. **Attendance By:** **Linda Kipnes, Leo Bernard, Michael Tranfaglia, Debra Putnam, Margaret Femia, Lisza Elliott, Robert Cooper, L. Cheryl Freed (A), Kathleen Meighan (A)**
  
3. **Public Input: Ben Dibble**
  - Ben Dibble – Earth Day in April. Is Committee interested in sponsoring another Earth day party? Does the committee have budget to pay for flyer? Do we want to do another raffle on the tote? Will take place April 23rd.
    - Dibble: wants to get committee approval and then go out and meet with the scouts, etcetera
    - Deb: is the group thinking about doing concurrent electronics recycling?
    - Dibble: Electronics recycling will take place on April 3rd because concurrency did not work well for them last year.
  - After some discussion, the date for Earth Day was set at Sunday April 24, 2016.
  - The event will be at Nottingham West. Will likely be 1-3pm.
  - Margaret made the motion that we work collaboratively with Scouts and other groups to put on an Earth Day Party this year. Seconded by Mike.
  - Friendly amendment to budget \$500 for the flyer and \$100 for the recycle bin. Amendment agreed to.
  - Leo Bernard abstained all else agreed.
  - Mike suggested a rain date of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Deb suggested that we make it a dual purpose: Road side cleanup and Earth day.
  - The roadside cleanup will be Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will be a town-wide cleanup.
  - Kathy, Lisza, Deb, and Cheryl can do both. Mike is tentative. Margaret can't commit. Rob and Linda won't be around. Leo can't commit.
  - Cheryl and Deb and Lisza will be there. Deb can't put together a gift basket this year.
  - Rob can work with Deb to put together a raffle for Hudson residents. Lisza and Linda may have items to put in the basket. Raffle has to be free.
  - Planet Aid needs to be informed if we do something on Earth day. It's not a requirement, but Planet Aid wants to give back to the town. They provide manpower, advertising with their truck.
  - Lisza asked Leo to give us a count on our T-Shirts. The t-shirts are at the town garage.
  
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Both the November 23, 2015 and December 28, 2015 were approved pending agreed upon corrections mostly consisting of spelling changes. Leo Bernard abstained. All else approved.
  
5. **Reports:**
  - Review of Trash Tonnage Report. Recycling is inching up closer to 30%. May have benefited from the additional recycling waste due to Christmas.
  - Expenditure Report. Haven't spent much from our budget. We still have quite a bit left.
  - Next Clean Up Days: January 30, 2016 and February 27, 2016 8am to 12pm {Pass Need}

- Yard Waste Disposal Only Every Saturday {April – November} From 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
- Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection in Nashua Public Works Garage located at 9 Stadium Drive in Nashua.
- HLN Column & E-mails to Committee from {hudsonsustainability@gmail.com}
- Energy Items

## 6. Promotional Items

- Bottles to Pens – Deb to follow up. Will get pricing
- Car Trash Totes
  - Linda will follow up on the pricing and ordering to receive them by March 8th.
- Linda: We have a limit on how many we can give away on voting day. There may be space for us for town voting. She will check with Paul. Paul said there is no room for primary voting.
- Would like to order enough promotional items for Voting Day and Earth Day. Not sure if we can order this many because we likely cannot buy enough for everyone.

## 7. Old Business:

### • Recycle/reuse Information sheet: finalize

- Humane Society name and address corrected
- Deb: The idea is to update this information sheet every year
- Mike brought up the point that other automotive stores will accept used oil
- Mike had previously suggested that Eastern Propane will accept empty propane tanks but not in Hudson because they aren't manned.
- Linda said that Friend Lumber likely accepts them (may have a fee)
- Mike said that you can bring used oil back where you bought it from.
- This caused Deb to suggest a general recommendation on the flyer that people should check before bringing items to recycling center.
- Leo asked Deb if she checked with the local fire department. Deb will check.
- Linda asked if smoke detectors can be taken to the Hazardous Waste. Deb thinks she called and the answer is no because its radioactive waste.
- Deb said that we can update the 2nd page at any time. We have to lock in on the first page.
- Leo motions to accept. Mike seconds. All in favor. Zero abstentions.

### • Poster/slogan contest – Lisza

- Nothing new. Lisza is still reaching out to get contact info. She is concerned about the de-emphasis on recycling and emphasis on energy. She asked the committee, what should we propose to the schools now that we're leaning towards sustainability.
- Deb: ask them, how can they save energy.
- Lisza: how do we present the problem to K-5? Should it be a fill-in-the-blank thing? Or an equation?
- Margaret: tell kids to save energy; young kids have no idea of money. Example, my family saves energy by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Linda: What are we going to do with what we get from the kids? Lisza: whatever we want.
- Leo: The selectmen desire that we have several signs that can be rotated.
- Cheryl posed: Question that spans grades, "How would you save energy?" Answer could be slogan or drawing?
- Linda: will this be a contest?
- Deb: She believes the BOS enjoyed being judges for the last competition and thinks we should have them judge this competition.
- Leo: we narrowed it down and the BOS judged the finalists.
- Rob summarized the proposal. Have the children answer the question, accept a slogan or drawing as a response.
- Mike: might want to narrow it down to a slogan or drawing. Also, Deb brought up a good point about possibly getting inundated with submissions.
- Rob suggested for Lisza and Cheryl to work on the rules and then submit them for the SC in time to finalize by February meeting.
- Deb suggested that we accept Lisza's strategy. Margaret seconded the motion. Leo abstained.

- **Solar information presentation: March 3**

- Linda will call Fire Chief to see if he has names. Otherwise, we can put departments/offices.
- Deb: we should push to have the electrical inspector there.
- 8:30pm, Lisza left to pick up her son from work. Ben Dibble left at that time too.
- Mike: put up front that it's free and there are possible rebates. Don't want to bury it at the bottom of the flyer.
- Deb will get new images over to Margaret. Suggests that we remove the word "Still" and remove "Part II". These edits will attract people who didn't attend the first session.
- Deb will email people who attended first session to let them know that this is Part II.
- Margaret will work with Telegraph to put in Community Calendar.
- Deb and Cheryl will check with other publications.
- Deb motioned for vote on remitting funding of \$150 for ads in 2-3 publications. Margaret suggest that there may be discounts to place ads in several publications from one News Group. Seconded by Mike. All in favor.
- Deb will have flyers printed up and then she will run them around to several institutions.
- Linda said that we should inquire how we can get things on business signs. Hudson Rec has a sign. Linda will find out about this.

- **Solar Up/ Solarize campaign**

- We are still looking for someone to coordinate this. The meeting cannot be part of the committee business. An individual must do it.
- Deb is willing to organize. Residents can email the Sustainability Committee and this will be forwarded to Deb. Linda explained the opportunity; people can get group discounts by grouping together to purchase.
- Margaret asked if we can do a press release.
- Linda will ask selectmen what we're restricted from doing in this regard as a committee.
- Deb and Cheryl will work together on a Letter to the Editor.
- Deb will not move forward until she hears back from Linda.

## 8. **New Business:**

- **Next Clean Up Days:**
  - January 30, 2016 and February 27, 2016 8am to 12pm
  - This is a new year so you need a new Pass
  - Hazardous waste days will start up in April
- **Yard Waste**
  - Disposal Only Every Saturday from April to November from 8am until Noon (No Pass Need)
- **Town Deliberative Sessions: January 30, February 6**
- **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](mailto:HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM))
  - Cheryl submitted January column and it was printed. Her next column will be on water. This is fueled by the problems in Flint, MI. She will also print a column on our next Solar night
- **Energy Items**
  - Linda asked the person who did the Solar presentation to come look at town buildings to see if any are suitable for solar.
  - Linda spoke to Charlie Matthews, the Library Director, and there is a national organization that is looking to convert some libraries to solar.
  - Margaret: wondering about solar hot water units. This is an alternative to going full solar.
  - Deb will check in with the Solar guy (Chris Milner). Deb said this was thermal heating. If he doesn't address it, Linda says this can be a separate presentation.
  - Leo said that the Green Energy Times had us in their paper for the last Solar presentation.
  - Geothermal can also be a separate presentation. As it turns out, all of the granite is helpful because granite is an excellent heat sink.
- **Deliberative Sessions**
  - School Deliberative Sessions: January 30
  - Town Deliberative Session: February 6
  - Cheryl thinks that it is important for SC to be at both sessions. She plans on being there anyway and is willing to setup/man a table.

- The deliberative sessions start at 9 and ends when they end. Linda will be at both sessions but will be doing other stuff.
- Cheryl will check to see that the pup tent was returned to the highway garage.

**9. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:**

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

- The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2016 at the. B.O.S. meeting room at 7pm.

**11. Adjourn:**

**Linda Kipnes**

Linda Kipnes, Chairman

**1/25/2016**

Date

