



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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January 27, 2020 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** D Putnam called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. **Attendance:** L Bernard, C Chiquelin, R Kahn, L Kipnes (Vice Chair), D Morin (Selectman Liaison), D Putnam (Chair), T Wyatt (Secretary) Excused: J Stone-Grimaldi (Communications Officer)
3. **Public Input:** Members of Webelos Pack 252 asked about energy and environmental problems faced by the Town, activities of the Committee and how to join. Webelos answered questions from the Committee about their interest in conservation and the environment. Input from the Webelos was appreciated by the Committee and earned a badge for Pack members.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2019 meeting that was seconded and **passed** with five (5) in favor and one (1) abstained by L Bernard.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Solid Waste/Recycling Collection Report** (sent with Agenda): T Wyatt reported a reduce percentage of recycling to trash at 24% from the same month last year. The alternating recycling collection week that does not follow the holiday may have contributed to the reduction from the previous year in certain parts of town.
 - **Expenditure Report:** D Putnam reported that 28% of the budget for the current fiscal year has been spent with more than \$900.00 available to use for Committee goals.
 - **Energy Conservation Report:** L Kipnes reported that a warrant article will be presented at the Town Deliberative Session on February 8 for an Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve fund of \$25,000.00. Also reported was the Button Up program at no cost to the Town to promote home energy conservation. The NH Saves program as part of the Button Up presentation provides 50% of the cost to improve home energy efficiency. There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin for the Button Up program to be arranged when the speaker is available. The motion was seconded and it was agreed that L Kipnes would investigate dates for the presentation. The motion was **tabled** without a vote for a later meeting. Further reported was the Sub-committee on Community Power or Municipal Aggregation (SB286) has not yet met, but progress of the program in the state is being monitored. The City of Nashua has begun the process to become a Municipal Aggregator. Residents are automatically enrolled with the ability to opt out. NRCP is moving forward with the program as well.
 - **New 2020 – Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide:** D Putnam reported resources for information including Town and Committee web sites, postings at the Town Hall, Public Works Facility, Senior Center, Community Center, Police Department and Library. Changes to the 2020 Guide, which may look the same as previous years include holidays that delay collection. It was reported that the label on top of the blue recycle bins is no longer accurate, which is critical because the Town loses money when incorrect items are put in the bins.
 - **Hudson Landfill will be open Feb. 29 and March 28, 2020 8:00am-12:00pm:** D Putnam reported {Pass Needed for 2020 – 3 free per year for Hudson residents} (Last Saturday of the Month through March.) ***Starting April, the Hudson Landfill will be open the SECOND and LAST Saturday of each month through November.**
 - **Yard Waste Disposal, Metal, Metal NON-Freon Appliances and Cardboard Recycling Every Saturday:** D Putnam reported **Hudson Landfill every Saturday April through the end of November 8:00am-12:00pm** {No Pass Needed}

- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:** D Putnam reported next collection will be April 18, 2020 – Saturday 8:00am- 12:00noon at the Nashua Public Works Garage. For information go to www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call (603) 424-2240. (\$15.00 charge increased from \$10.00)
- **Disposal of expired medications:** D Putnam reported **Hudson Police Department – collection bin in vestibule area** check the Committee web site for a list of items proper disposal.
- **E-mail to Committee** D Putnam reported HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@gmail.com important email forwarded to members as received.

6. Action items:

- **New Mission Statement:** C Chiquelin provided a revised version for display on the meeting room monitor. This revised document will be included in the Policies and Procedures review process for submission to the Chair.
- **New Policies and Procedures doc:** Following discussion of accepted practice, there was a **motion** by R Kahn for Committee members to use the Word document computer program to make changes to the Policies and Procedures document. The motion was seconded and **passed** with five (5) in favor and one (1) no by L Bernard. The document changes are to be sent to the Chair for compilation of all submissions to be distribution to the members before the next meeting. **Note all finished docs to be submitted to BOS after meeting for approval.**
- **Sustainability Annual Report:** L Kipnes reported that the Annual Report, which was released to the Committee members has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen. It was noted that one member who had recently resigned from the Committee should be added to the report along with mention of updated lighting in the Library. L Kipnes will arrange for the changes before the final report goes to print.
- **Review of February through December 2020 in regards to which meetings need to be moved or canceled:** There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin to hold the 2020 Annual Earth Day event and Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, April 18 that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. D Putman will request input from the Board of Selectman, Police and Public Works Departments regarding a date and locations for the events. There was a **motion** by R Kahn to move the May 2020 meeting date to June 2, which was seconded and **passed** unanimously. It was agreed that Election of Committee Officers will occur at the June 2 meeting. There was a motion by L Kipnes to move the November 2020 meeting date to November 30, which was seconded and **passed** with five (5) in favor and one (1) abstained by L Bernard. There was a **motion** by L Kipnes to cancel the December 2020 meeting that was seconded and **passed** five (5) in favor and one (1) no by T Wyatt.
- **Roadside cleanup signs:** D Putnam will gather sign cost information from the Town Administration as well as from current and past Committee members for presentation at the February meeting.

7. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

- L Bernard requested clarification on an e-mail to the Committee that will be added to the February agenda. Also, it was recommended that there should be more use of social media to communicate information.
 - C Chiquelin had no comments.
 - R Kahn requested that the Chair be notified in advance to add Agenda items for discussion. Also, the members were reminded that meeting attendance is mandatory except in the case of extraordinary circumstances.
 - D Morin had no comments.
 - T Wyatt informed the Committee about the consideration of a shared power transformer when adding solar energy to the home, which may increase the cost of the project, if an upgrade is necessary.
 - L Kipnes reminded all about the warranty article and NH Saves program. NH ranked 20 of the 50 states for energy efficiency, which is one place better than last year, but less than other New England states.
 - D Putnam expressed thanks to viewers for their patience during the extended meeting and for members attendance. Hopefully information provided will be used to recycle properly to save the Town money.
8. **Adjourned:** Upon completion of Committee business, there was a **motion** to adjourn by L Bernard that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm by D Putnam.

Tim Wyatt

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

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