



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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February 24, 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 7:01pm.
2. **Attendance:** L Bernard, C Chiquelin, R Kahn, L Kipnes (Vice Chair), D Morin (Selectman Liaison), D Putnam (Chair), J Stone-Grimaldi (Communications Officer), Excused: T Wyatt (Secretary)
3. **Public Input:** None present
4. **Approval of Minutes:** There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting that was seconded and **passed** with five (5) in favor and one (1) abstained by J Stone-Grimaldi.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Solid Waste/Recycling Collection Report** (sent with Agenda): D Putnam reported a slight increase of recycling to trash at 26%. Also presented was the “Recycling Right” graphic noting that if collected in a plastic bag, the bag must not be put into the blue bin, rather the bag of recycling materials should be emptied into the bin. The plastic bag will tangle the recycling machinery.
 - **Expenditure Report:** D Putnam reported that there have been no expenditures since the last meeting.
 - **Energy Conservation Report:** L Kipnes presented the town warrant article to establish an energy efficiency capital reserve fund of \$25,000 for energy upgrades, which is approximately the cost to change lighting to LEDs in a town building. The change in lighting helps the town save money over time. R Kahn asked about the LED lifespan for return on investment. It was reported that the library had a professional consultant to provide the most cost-effective option. As well, Eversource has free energy audits and NHSaves also works with municipalities. The warrant article is supported unanimously by the Select Board and Budget Committee. It was further reported that September or October would likely be the timing for the Button Up program and SB286 has not progressed
 - New 2020 – Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide:** D Putnam
 - **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- 12:00 noon at the Nashua Public Works Garage. User Fees = \$15 per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of hazardous waste. If you bring more than 10 gallons or 20 pounds you will be asked to make an additional donation. Cash and Checks accepted. Carpooling is encouraged. For information go to www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call (603) 424-2240.
 - **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle information on Committee pages – hudsonnh.gov/bc-sc –** D. Putnam reported that information will be added and updates made by March 10. Also discussed was a new paradigm “refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and rot”. A recycling commodity update was added to cover the current market trends (markets falling out for certain types of materials)

- **E-mail to Committee:** Review of informational article shared by Jess Forrence, Public Works Director (included with Agenda). {hudsonsustainability@gmail.com} Important email forwarded to members as received. Members can request that any particular email be added to an Agenda.

6. Action items:

- **New Mission Statement:** review proposed new text (sent with Agenda). Vote to Accept or Reject each proposed text change with members having evaluated the proposed new text submitted with Agenda. There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin to accept the mission statement that was seconded by and passed with four (4) in favor and one (1) abstained by L Bernard
- **New Policies and Procedures:** review proposed new text (sent with Agenda). Vote to Accept or Reject each proposed text change with members having evaluated the proposed new text submitted with Agenda. There was a motion by L Kipnes to accept policies and procedures that was seconded and passed with four (4) in favor and one (1) abstained by L Bernard.
Note: Final docs to be submitted to BOS after meeting for approval.
- **Meeting schedule for 2020:** D Putnam advised members that the Town Calendar was updated in accordance with voting during the January 27, 2020 meeting. **NOTE:** No meeting rooms were changed, all meetings will be held in the Community Development Meeting Room.
- **Earth Day Party April 18, 2020 at Benson Park:** D Putnam reported that the Benson Park Usage Form has been submitted and approved. After discussion, there was a **motion** by L Kipnes to purchase signs for no more than \$200.00 to be used for the Roadside Cleanup and Earth Day event that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. A Subcommittee will arrange purchase of peat pots, plants, setup, etc. The event will be in the A-frame structure or under pop-up tents near the children’s playground. It was noted that Committee supply storage at the Public Works Department is being moved for easier access.
- **Roadside Cleanup:** D Putnam reported that Town Police will provide a safety detail and the Public Works Department will provide a service vehicle for the Wason Road event with the meeting place at the decommissioned Burns Hill Road Fire Station. There was a **motion** by C Chiquelin to accept Wason Road for the April 18 Roadside Cleanup as Wason Road that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. After discussion there was a **motion** by R Kahn to purchase eco-friendly signs that was seconded and passed with four (4) in favor and one (1) against by C Chiquelin. There was a **motion** by R Kahn to rescind the previous vote that was **passed** unanimously. There was a motion by L Kipnes to purchase 25 eco-friendly two-sided signs designed by J Stone-Grimaldi for no more than \$225.00 including shipping that was seconded and **passed** unanimously.
- **Election Day Display:** D Putnam reported that the Town Moderator has approved a Committee table at the Rec Center on March 10 where the A-frame Roadside Cleanup and Earth Day event signs will be setup as well as informational documentation that will need to be updated.
- **Climate Change Slide Deck:** L Kipnes and D. Putnam reported that the slide deck is to be deferred until the March meeting. Jim McIntosh of HCTV provided feedback to create a slide deck with voice over (cannot be disparate).

7. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

- L Kipnes: There is a workshop on climate change – NH Humanities is sponsoring a workshop on “The Heat is on: NH and Climate Change” (DATE I DIDN’T CATCH) 5:30 – 6:30 in Concord (Area 53, on north State Street). There is a small fee for appetizers and a beverage. Hillsborough county conservation district is having a plant and bulb sale of native plants (see hillsboroughccd.com for more information) order by Monday, March 30th and pick up in Milford. Warrant article 20 and local elections – go vote.
- J Stone-Grimaldi: Happy for the spring weather, this was a productive meeting
- L Bernard: There was a **motion** by L Bernard to reconsider the Policies and Procedures that was seconded and after discussion **passed** unanimously. There was a **motion** by L Bernard to strike the word “hall” from “town hall meeting room” in the Meeting section of the Policies and Procedures that was seconded and **passed** all in favor. There was a **motion** by L Bernard to accept the Policies and Procedures as amended that was seconded and **passed** unanimously for presentation to the Board of Selectmen for final approval.
- C Chiquelin: Shout out to HB1512 relative to reducing school food waste and addressing child hunger.
- R Khan: No comments.
- D Putnam: Proud of the team for getting the Mission Statement and the Policies and Procedures done. Recycle better.

- D Morin: No comments.

8. **Selection of Next Meeting Date:** As per prior vote – March 23, 2020.

9. **Adjourned:** Upon completion of Committee business, there was a **motion** to adjourn by R Kahn that was seconded and **passed** unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by D Putnam at 8:37pm.

Tim Wyatt

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

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