



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes - Draft



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July 27, 2020 – 7PM

Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave, Hudson, NH 03051

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm by Debra Putnam

2. Attendance: L. Bernard, L. Kipnes (Vice Chair), D. Putnam (Chair), T. Wyatt (Secretary) – Remote attendance by J. Stone-Grimaldi, R. Kahn, and C. Chiquelin

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. Approval of Minutes: February 24, 2020: T. Wyatt -motion to approve minutes, seconded, no discussion, Roll call vote: Five Yes, L. Bernard No, J Stone-Grimaldi offline

June 22, 2020: T. Wyatt-motion to approve minutes, seconded, no discussion, Roll call vote: Five Yes, L. Bernard No, J Stone-Grimaldi offline

5. Reports:

- **Expenditure Report:** D. Putnam noted that there were no expenditures.

- **Energy Matters:** L. Kipnes:

Button Up NH – L. Kipnes explained format of the 1.5 hour online presentation.

T. Wyatt -motion to designate date of September 21st, seconded, no discussion,

Roll Call Vote: 6 Yes, J. Stone-Grimaldi abstained

Portfolio Manager - account created & data for Rodgers Library entered; other town buildings to follow

Webinars – offered by Clean Energy NH, Clean Energy States Alliance, and Vote Solar organizations. Also matters related to Off Shore Wind energy generation.

Community Power – Nashua and Laconia both doing studies.

Merrimack River – Importance of management and protection of the River.

- **Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle list on Sustainability Committee pages on the Town website. Update:** Batteries Plus Bulbs on Amherst St. in Nashua will accept Battery Backups for computers – No Charge for recycling.
- **Hudson Transfer Station is now open the SECOND and LAST Saturday of each month (8:00am-12:00pm) through November. Next two dates are Saturday, August 8 and August 29.** Pass Needed for 2020 – 3 free per year per household, one pass needed for each drop off. Passes may be picked up only at the DPW offices Monday through Thursday 6am – 4pm.

- **Yard Waste, Metal items, and Cardboard can be brought to the Hudson Transfer Station Every Saturday April through the end of November 8:00am-12:00pm {No Pass Needed}**
 - **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:** D. Putnam presented all information related to the next collection -**August 1, 2020**, at the Nashua Public Works Garage, located at 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua. For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit www.nashuarpc.org/hhw or call 603-417-6570. Resident are invited to like and follow NashuaRPC on Facebook and Twitter for updates.
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** T. Wyatt reported that Town is waiting on information from Pinard as to why the % of recyclables for June was so low. Expectation is that information will be provided to Hudson DPW such that a clarification will be available for the August meeting of the Sustainability Committee.
6. **Sustainability Committee home page on Town Website:** To access “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” information click on “Recycling Information.”
 7. **E-mail to Committee:** Important email forwarded to members as received. Possible goal for future to include a list of upcoming Webinars offered to the public on the committee’s pages.
 8. **Roadside Signs:** J. Stone-Grimaldi will create final drafts of front and back of the sign, coordinate with L. Bernard as to past signs, and with C. Chiquelin regarding fresh cost quotes. Final draft of sign (front and back) along with pricing and recommendations as to which company to place an order with to be presented for voting at the August meeting. Mr. Bernard expressed support of a two-sided sign. A graphic of the official town seal will be requested from the Town.
 9. **Roadside Cleanup:** T. Wyatt: motion to approve date of October 3rd (already approved by BOS, Police and DPW) seconded, Richard sought clarification on the Road involved – Wason Rd. D. Putnam reviewed all plans formerly agreed upon for the canceled April Roadside Cleanup. Six Yes, L. Bernard -Abstain
 10. **Conservation Commission:** D. Putnam to present information regarding Cleanup of Rangers Town Forest on September 5 & 6 starting at 9am each day - hosted by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Sustainability Committee to contribute trash bags, blue bags for recyclables, safety vests, grabbers. T. Wyatt submitted a motion to support the Conservation Commission Cleanup of Rangers Town Forest with supplies and manpower. Roll Call Vote: Six Yes, 1 offline.
 11. **Election of Officers:**
 - D. Putnam nominated D. Putnam as Chair
 - L. Bernard nominated L. Bernard as Chair
 - Roll Call vote: 6 for D. Putnam, 1 for L. Bernard
 - D. Putnam nominated L. Kipnes as Vice Chair/Pres.
 - Roll Call vote: Unanimous for L. Kipnes
 - T. Wyatt nominated T. Wyatt as Secretary
 - Roll Call vote: Unanimous for T. Wyatt
 - L Bernard inquired as to existence of another officer related to Website management. T. Wyatt noted that such a position was not included in the By-Laws. J. Stone-Grimaldi explained that the Town hosts the website pages for the Committee. There is no need for a member of the committee to hold an official post.

12. Committee Member Comments:

A motion was made, by L. Bernard, and seconded by J. Stone-Grimaldi to go to the on-line meeting format for the August meeting. There was discussion amongst members which lead to the Chair seeking approval from the Town Administration and informing the members of the outcome of that meeting.
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous Yes

L. Bernard entered a motion to name the person who seconds a motion in the minutes. Seconded by R. Kahn. D. Putnam explained the Robert's Rules of Order and the responsibilities of each committee as per formal email from Town Admin. office. Discussion followed. Roll Call Vote: Yes – 3, Two – opposed, Two - abstained. Motion passed.

R. Kahn – Commented on the definitions of “Pre-consumer content” vs. “Post-consumer content”.
Post-consumer content is preferred – better for the environment.

L. Kipnes – Disappointed in lack of participation in recycling, Button Up NH event on Sept 21, Webinar – “How to turn your lawn into a meadow” sponsored by Green America.

J. Stone-Grimaldi – Residents welcome email the committee to inquire about how to better recycle.

R. Kahn – Expressed possibility that people are not recycling because of fear of transmission of COVID.

T. Wyatt – Entered a motion to withdraw his name as Secretary. Motion not seconded.

D. Putnam – Shared ideas as to why the % of recycling was down for June. Looking ahead to Clean-up Rangers Town Forest Sept. 5 & 6 and the Roadside Cleanup on October 3.

13. Adjourned: L. Bernard entered a motion to Adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous at 8:34pm.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

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