

TOWN OF HUDSON



Sustainability Committee Minutes - Final

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September 28, 2020 – 7PM Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm by Debra Putnam, Chair
2. **Attendance:** Leo Bernard, Richard Kahn, Linda Kipnes, David Morin, Debra Putnam, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi. Caitlin Chiquelin-excused.
3. **Public Input:** None.
4. **Point of Order:** David Morin, our selectman liaison, informs us that we must do a revote to confirm the position of secretary because it was not done correctly at the August meeting.
L. Bernard makes a motion to accept J. Stone-Grimaldi as secretary.
Vote: All are in favor.
5. **Presentation:** Freedom Energy Logistics, Mr. Gilbert Brown and Mr. Thomas Carter –
Topic – Community Choice Aggregation
A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available to residents on the Sustainability Committee section of the Town’s website.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** August 31, 2020 meeting submitted by J. Stone-Grimaldi.

L. Bernard mentions that David Morin’s attendance is missing from the minutes. He makes a motion to accept with that correction.
R. Kahn mentions that his name is spelled incorrectly in one instance in the minutes. R. Kahn seconds to accept minutes with corrections.
Vote: All in favor.
7. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report** (included in Packet): D. Putnam mentions the August report is almost the same as July. L. Bernard mentions it’s slightly better than August of last year.
 - **Expenditure Report (no expenditure in August):** D. Putnam to advise expenditure of \$140.40 for 25 “Roadside Signs” with stands which will show up in the Expenditure Report for September.
 - **Energy Conservation Report: L. Kipnes**
 - **Button Up NH:** How to access slides and presentation (available until Oct 21) will be on the town website.
 - L. Kipnes mentions that she thinks the NH Saves is still doing a 90% rebate.

- **Drive Electric Week**, Sept 28 - Oct 1: go to www.cleanenergy.com for details of presentations Sept 28, 29, 30, and Oct 1
- **Commission to Study Offshore Wind and Port Development**: held their first meeting, will be meeting monthly
- **Community Power Aggregation** Thank you to all who signed/sent a letter.
- **Rodgers Memorial Library** budgeted electricity costs for next year: down 25% because of light replacement project

R. Kahn has been in touch with two potential electric school bus suppliers. The first is not a good fit because our order will not meet their minimum. The second, Lion Electric, does have potential. R. Kahn reads an email from Lion and can make that email available to anyone by request.

L. Bernard suggests to reach out to First Student because that's who Hudson works with for bussing. As a committee, we can only make suggestions to them. L. Kipnes suggests we might start with having charging stations in various locations around town that drivers of electric vehicles can use. She would also like to look into recommending that town vehicles start becoming electric vehicles.

- **Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle list** available via clickable links on Sustainability Committee home page on the Hudson Town website.
- **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, October 10 and October 31st.** 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, 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
- **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:** Next collection is confirmed for this coming Saturday - **October 3rd at the Nashua City Park & Ride at 25 Crown Street, Nashua.** User Fees = \$15 per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of hazardous waste. No Latex Paint, No Electronics, No Medications
The Nashua RPC asks that all participants abide by the following:
 1. Do NOT attend if you feel sick!
 2. Do NOT exit your vehicle
 3. Masks are MANDATORY, keep windows rolled up
 4. Waste must be in the trunk or truck bed of vehicle
 5. No Containers will be returned
 6. No public restrooms available
 7. For their safety, please leave children and pets at home
 *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.

8. **Webinar Schedule** – Posting link on Committee home page. J Stone-Grimaldi offers to set up a list of links for the webinar schedule to send to the town for easy posting on the website.

9. **Roadside Signs:** The 25 new Roadside Signs designed by J. Stone-Grimaldi were received on Sept. 22nd. R. Kahn deployed signs on Sept. 23rd along Wason Rd in preparation for the Roadside Cleanup on October 3rd. The signs will be retrieved approximately October 10th. The two A-Frame Roadside Cleanup signs were deployed on Sept. 25th and will be picked up after the Cleanup ends on October 3rd.
10. **Roadside Cleanup:** D. Putnam has been in communication with Jess Forrence, who is in communication with Chief Avery, about how to best approach this roadside cleanup with safety in mind. A decision was made to do only one side of the road. This is a very ambitious project being supported by the Hudson DPW and Hudson PD. Help from many volunteers will be critical to its success. All volunteers please meet at the Burns Hill Fire Station at 9:30am (plenty of parking). Safety vests, water, trash bags and blue bags for recyclables will be distributed. Hudson PD will advise how volunteers are to proceed. In addition to the Hudson PD, Hudson DPW will provide escort along with picking up full bags and larger items as volunteers progress.
11. **Presentation – October 26th meeting:** Ryan Polson of Standard Power – Explaining Community Power
- The committee discussed whether it is wiser to try to get a warrant article through on community power in the upcoming year or to wait until 2022. D. Morin advises that we need to know who the provider will be before we can put together a plan for the community. Due to each of our schedules, the committee agrees that waiting for a 2022 warrant article will probably produce the best outcome.
- L. Kipnes asks should we request more money for our capital reserve fund and D. Putnam agrees that we should ask for another twenty five thousand dollars.
- D. Morin suggests we put together a sub-committee to focus on putting charging stations in the town and D. Putnam and L. Kipnes agree to research the topic.
12. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** L. Bernard congratulates J. Stone-Grimaldi on her appointment to secretary and hopes we will have a good turnout for the roadside cleanup. L. Kipnes also wishes for a good turnout at the roadside cleanup and suggests residents can go out and clean up their own roads as well. Our safety vests are available to residents to use. L. Kipnes reminds us that the Local Energy Solutions Conference will be Oct. 29th and 30th, 10:00-2:00 online on both of those days. R. Kahn, reminds us that any resident of Wason Rd. who wishes to have a roadside cleanup sign in their yard can contact us and he will deliver it.
13. **Selection of Next Meeting Date: As per prior vote – October 26, 2020**
14. L. Bernard motions to adjourn. R. Kahn seconds. Vote: All in favor.
15. **Adjourned: 8:54 pm**

Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

10/14/2020