



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes

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October 26, 2020 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm
2. **Attendance:** Present: Debra Putnam, Linda Kipnes, David Morin, Richard Kahn, Leo Bernard.
Excused: Caitlyn Chiquelin and Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi.
3. **Public Input:** None.
4. **Presentation:** Community Choice Aggregation – Ryan Polson and Bob Hayden of Standard Power of America
Powerpoint presentation available on our town website – Sustainability Committee home page
5. **Approval of Minutes:** L. Bernard motions to accept minutes. R. Kahn seconds. Motion accepted unanimously.
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** Slight increase in recycling.
 - **Expenditure Report:** As noted in September meeting, roadside signs were purchased for \$140.40. L. Kipnes registered for the Local Energy Solutions Conference for \$75.00 plus a credit card fee.
 - **Energy Conservation Report:**

L. Kipnes reports she has been researching ways we can add EV charging stations in our town. D. Putnam reports there are two dual charging stations at the Comcast facility in South Hudson in the industrial park. They are free and available first come, first served. D. Putnam has investigated Chargepoint charging stations and would like to pursue that conversation more in our November meeting. There are programs such as leases that can make it more affordable for a town to install.

L. Kipnes is pursuing the portfolio manager and watching webinars to see how she can correct her data input. She reports that Revision Energy has many webinars that are educational and worth watching.

NH governor Sununu has not participated in negotiating with ISO for a new electric grid even though the other 5 state governors from New England have been involved. L. Kipnes suggests we communicate with our governor and state representatives to encourage our state to participate in these discussions.

D. Putnam reminds us to go to the Sustainability Committee homepage and click on the recycling blue rectangle to answer recycling/reduce/reuse questions.

R. Kahn mentions that his friend owns a coffee roasting business and he reuses the burlap bags from the coffee beans to cover shrubs during the winter to protect them from damage. If anyone would like one, he would be happy to give them to residents who reach out as he has a surplus.

- **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 31 and November 14. The Transfer Station will be open November 28 but only open once in December – the 26th.** 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– **November 7 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.

7. **Webinar Schedule** – Postings by J. Stone-Grimaldi

8. **Roadside Signs:** R. Kahn deployed 13 of the new Roadside Signs on Sept.23rd along Wason Rd in preparation for the Roadside Cleanup on October 3rd. The signs were retrieved by R Kahn shortly after October 10th. The two A-Frame Roadside Cleanup signs were deployed on Sept. 25th and picked up after the Cleanup ends on October 3rd. All signs were cleaned and event specific info on A-Frame signs removed before being put into storage at the DPW by D. Putnam.
9. **Roadside Cleanup:** This is a very ambitious project was supported by the Hudson DPW and Hudson PD. Three members of the committee and three residents – Dan, Barbara and Craig – worked together. Significant progress was made along one side of Wason Rd. until the crew got to a long ravine that contained many heavy items along with the, unfortunately, usual trash and recyclables. Thus, the crew was only able to clear less than 1/3 of one side of Wason Rd. D. Putnam reached out to both the DPW and the

HPD after the cleanup to thank them for their support. D. Putnam inquired as to whether both would support continuing to the Clean-up during the normal spring Roadside Cleanup organized by the Committee. Both the DPW and HPD affirmed their support for continuing to clean up Wason Rd.

10. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

D. Morin informs us that the Board of Selectman got a report on the savings that the library experienced after the lightbulbs were changed to a more energy saving lightbulb and they are interested in changing the lightbulbs in other buildings. If the committee would like to choose another appropriate building and report to the Board of the Selectman, that would be appreciated.

R. Kahn mentions he forgot to give his sustainability email for people to reach out about burlap bags. He can be reached at rkudsonhsustainability@aol.com. He would also like to mention that old tires can be reused as shoe soles. D. Putnam agrees that old tires can be reused for paving roads and in playgrounds as well.

11. Selection of Next Meeting Date: As per prior vote – November 30, 2020 (Monday after Thanksgiving)

12. Adjourned: R. Kahn motions to adjourn. L. Kipnes seconds. Unanimously in favor. Motion accepted.

Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

11/22/2020