



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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November 30, 2020 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. Call to Order:

2. **Attendance:** Present – Debra Putnam, Linda Kipnes, Richard Kahn, Selectman Liaison Dave Morin.
Attended via GoToMeeting – Jenn Stone-Grimaldi, Caitlin Chiquelin and Leo Bernard

3. Public Input: No Public Input

4. **Approval of Minutes:** October 26, 2020 with edits to those in attendance and those approved as absent-
Jenn Stone-Grimaldi and Caitlin Chiquelin. Unanimous accept with edits by all present or via Go-To-
Meeting.

5. Reports:

- **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report** (included in Packet): D. Putnam
- **Expenditure Report: No Expenditures in October.**
- **Energy Conservation Report: L. Kipnes**
- Light replacement project in town buildings
 - = Requested electric bills and will create priority list of which town buildings could benefit from replacement of light by LED.
 - = Preliminary proposal from LBEnergy (who did library project)
 - = Linda will proceed to work with entities to determine which building would benefit most.
- Community Power
 - = Community Power NH, alternative to companies we interviewed
 - = see website www.communitypowernh.org
- Clean Energy NH webinar: Explanation of offerings regarding Community Power Agreements to towns in NH. Exploring opportunities for the future for Hudson.
 - = **see links posted to Sustainability website**
 - = Caitlin supports Hudson moving forward with engaging in Community Power Aggregation.
 - = Dave Morin suggested that the committee develop a presentation to the BOS regarding the options available to benefit from Community Power Generation with minimal cost to the town. Possibly two options: 1. staff will be needed but cost savings will out way cost of extra staff
 - 2. a program where no town staff will be required and yet there will be significant savings to the residential owners.
 - = revive exploring solar on roofs of certain town buildings
- Local Energy Solutions Conference
 - = workshops on energy policy, electric vehicles, NH Saves, and Community Power

= Linda explained the positive aspects of the information presented during the conference.

- **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.
= **Linda noted the importance of finding new homes for items that you are no longer using. Do not through by the side of the road. Find links on** Sustainability Committee home page on how to find new homes for many items!
 - **Hudson Transfer Station will be open on December 26th and January 30, 2021 (8:00am-12:00pm) Special Yard Waste Collection – Curbside - on Saturday, December 5th – must have Barrels and Biodegradable Leaf Bags at curbside by 7am on Dec. 5th.** No container over 75 pounds in weight. Brush should be bundled with twine and no larger than 2 feet in diameter and 3 feet long. **2020 Transfer Station Pass Needed on December 26th – 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.
The Transfer Station will NOT be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal and cardboard drop-offs until April 2021
6. **Committee Home Page: Webinar Schedule** – Postings by J. Stone-Grimaldi. **Group Net Metering Links** –added to the Sustainability Committee home page. Linda noted changes to the Net Metering legislation. Links added - • [Clean Energy NH Metering Fact Sheet](#) • [Group Net Metering Update Slideshow](#)
 7. **Terracycle program** – For discussion in 2021. Members and public can familiarize themselves with the program by accessing <https://www.terracecycle.com/en-US/brigades>. Terracycle offers Free Recycling Programs: These programs are free, national recycling solutions for typically hard-to-recycle waste streams. **Individuals can Join as many programs as you like to help reduce your impact on our planet. Caitlin noted that this program costs significant money for a municipality and thus, is not affordable for a Town based collection.**
 8. **“Bags for Benches”** – check with Hudson Lions Club and the two Hudson Facebook pages for groups collecting plastic bags for the making of plastic wood type benches.
 9. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments: Members all expressed wishes for a good Holidays. Recycle and be kind to the environment!**
 10. **Selection of Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2021 (subsequent to the meeting all committee meetings were suspended due to COVID)**
 11. **Adjourned: Unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:43pm.**

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

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