



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes (approved at July meeting)



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June 28, 2021 – 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051
Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order: 7:00pm**
2. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Sarah Repeta, Ed Thompson, Debbie Putnam, Brett Gagnon
Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi – excused by Chairman

Members of the Public: Craig Putnam, Leo Bernard
3. **Public Input:** Thank you to Issac Allen, who picked up trash and recyclables for his homeschool community service project.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** November 30, 2020 meeting submitted by Debra Putnam (included in Packet)
5. **Member status report:** Linda Kipnes' contributions to the Recycling and Energy Committee which transformed into the Sustainability Committee were pivotal in many positive changes throughout the Town of Hudson. Update on Caitlin Chiquelin, Richard Kahn and Leo Bernard-many thanks for years of contributions! Welcome new members – Kate Messner, Sarah Repeta. Ed Thompson and, pending final approval by the BOS, a new Alternate-Craig Putnam. Craig is attending as a member of the Public.
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report** (included in Packet): D. Putnam
Our recycling percentage has remained about the same as in the past
 - **Expenditure Report:** May Expenditure Report (included in the Packet) No Expenditures since November 2021. New fiscal year starts July 1, 2021.
 - **Energy Conservation Report: Report from Steve Malizia, Town Administrator:**

I am happy to report that the project to replace the overhead lighting at the Hudson Public Works facility located at 2 Constitution Drive has been completed and all overhead fixtures have been replaced. The cost of the project was \$22,340.00. After the second payment has been made to the vendor, the request for payment will be made from the Trustees of Trust funds for reimbursement. There is currently a little bit over \$25,000 in the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund so after the reimbursement request is paid, there will be a balance of a little over \$2,660 left in the fund. (Received)...copy of the two (2) invoices we received. We've paid the first invoice (50% down payment for the project) and I've included a copy of the vendor check and the purchase order for the first payment. The second payment (balance of the project) is being processed for payment. Eventually a Rebate will come back to the Town. The tracking of the processing of the Rebate is being handled

by Jess Forrence, the Director of the DPW. Once the Rebate is received and deposited the committee will be advised of the new balance in the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund.

An important note: Linda Kipnes handled all of the research and presentation of options to the BOS on this project. Thanks to Linda's efforts it will surely be a great success with a relatively short ROI for the Town of Hudson, its residents.

- Review of presentations posted to Town Website:
<https://www.hudsonnh.gov/bc-sc/page/community-choice-aggregation-options>
Standard Power and Freedom Energy Logistics
- Community Power
= Community Power NH, alternative to companies we interviewed
= see website www.communitypowernh.org
- Clean Energy NH webinar: Group Net Metering Updates
= see links posted to Sustainability website

- **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 will next be open July 10 & 31, (8:00am-12:00pm)**
2021 Transfer Station Pass Needed - 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 be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal and cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon through November.**

- 7. **Committee Home Page: Member list has been updated to reflect the current members and after the next BOS meeting-one alternate.**

- 8. **Wason Roadside Clean-up:** Discussions of protocols set up and progress made last fall. Chief of Police and Director of DPW both support continuation of work along one side of Wason Rd. The dumping of large items on the side of the road is a real concern in Hudson. Many things were found at the cleanup and our committee needs more support from the public to help with these items.

Brett Gagnon believes Sunday is the best day on Wason Rd in terms of traffic. A motion was made by Ed Thompson to consider a Wason Rd cleanup for the spring of 2022. It was seconded by Sarah Repeta and the vote was unanimously in favor of a spring cleanup. Debbie Putnam wants the committee to choose a date at the January meeting.

Sarah Repeta would like to pursue organizing more roadside cleanups, possibly having a monthly or bimonthly schedule. Debbie Putnam agrees that this would be a good idea, however we have to plan ahead for each cleanup because we need preapprovals. Leo Bernard, a member of the public and former member of the Sustainability Committee, mentions that we need to be aware of what roads we can clean and what roads we cannot, because some are state owned and some are cleaned up by other groups. He suggests that a monthly cleanup would put a lot of burden on the committee and that the cleanups were originally designed to inspire Hudson residents to clean up their own neighborhoods. Brett Gagnon suggests that we could potentially sponsor groups of residents who want to clean up other areas and make it a competition where the winning group wins a prize.

Kate Messner asks if we could have a presence at Old Home Days in order to get the word out about roadside cleanups. Leo Bernard says we did that one year, but it was difficult to find volunteers to

attend each day because of the long hours that were required in order to participate. Brett Gagnon suggests that we could combine with one or more other committees to have a town committee tent at Old Home Days in order to generate more volunteers.

9. **Button Up NH - Energy Workshop** – currently scheduled for Sept 29 – will be held using Zoom just as the one organized for September 2020. The advantages of a Zoom presentation enables all residents in NH to “attend” with the Hudson Sustainability Committee and the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce listed as “Local Partners”. Robbin Adams of the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative is the NHSaves Button Up Coordinator and thus, is the committee’s contact.

10. **Community Power Aggregation:** links to recordings of presentations:

This was posted to the LES workgroup site of a meeting on May 25th -Clean Energy NH:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DDZOQ_3rmQ

11. Review **Community Power Coalition of NH** meeting notes from May 13, 2021.

A motion was made by Kate Messner to invite the Community Power Coalition of NH to make another presentation at our July meeting and was seconded by Sarah Repeta. A vote was unanimously in favor.

Since the last time Standard Power presented, they have aligned with Good Energy, which covers more of the United States.

A motion was made by Ed Thompson to invite Standard Power/Good Energy to present at our August meeting and was seconded by Sarah Repeta. A vote was unanimously in favor.

12. **“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.

Plastic bags can be dropped off to the right hand side of White Birch on the table in the patio area.

13. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**

Ed Thompson says he’s happy to be a member of the committee, he’s glad to not have to wear a mask and he’s heard a lot of good ideas.

Kate Messner is glad to be a new member, she looked at the website and saw lots of good information.

Sarah Repeta is excited to be here and excited to get the residents of Hudson to work with us to make Hudson more sustainable and more beautiful

Brett Gagnon mentions a show, Hudson Happenings, on HCTV. He thinks they might like to advertise some of our committee activities on their show. He thanks the current, former and new committee members and is excited to be a part of the committee.

Debbie Putnam talks about the loss of Linda Kipnes and how much Linda contributed to our committee. The best way we can honor her is by moving forward with the principles that she kept close to her heart all along. Linda would have been digging into this Community Power Aggregation and reporting back to us everything that she learned. Debbie hopes to have Linda “over her shoulder” as we move on.

14. **Selection of Next Meeting Date: July 26, 2021**

15. **Adjourned:** Ed Thompson motions to adjourn and Kate Messner seconds. Meeting Adjourned.

Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

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