



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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November 22, 2021 – 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00pm
2. **Attendance:** Brett Gagnon (Selectmen Liaison), Kate Messner, Debra Putnam, Sarah Repeta, Ed Thompson, and Craig Putnam. Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi excused.
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept made by Craig Putnam, Seconded by Kate Messner. October 25, 2021 minutes approved by unanimous vote.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** The percentage of total tonnage that is recyclables continues to be about 23%
 - **Expenditure Report: October** – No Expenditures
 - **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam explained what would be presented to the BOS during their meeting the following night – Nov. 23rd. The goals included seeking approval from the BOS regarding the recognition of a Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee, designating a “Director” of that sub-committee and an Alternate for same sub-committee. This is all in connection with the Town of Hudson becoming a member of CPCNH as approved by the BOS and to abide by applicable RSA legislation. Craig Putnam and Kate Messner will report to the Sustainability Committee during the first meeting of our committee in 2022.

Craig updated the committee on discussions and meeting regarding the conversion of some School Buses to EV Buses. There is interest across multiple towns on School Bus Electrification. Selectmen Liaison Gagnon shared facts and information about the option of having EV Police Vehicles in the Hudson Police fleet. There was much discussion about ideas for the future of EV School buses becoming a reality. The concept of looking to the NRPC for assistance and perhaps to take the lead was presented by Selectman Gagnon.

Selectman Gagnon explained about the availability of increasing communication with residents about the goals of the new sub-committee – HEAC through “Hudson Happenings” and “Working Together for Hudson” both HCTV programs.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station:** The next two upcoming dates are November 27 and December 18 (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. December 18th is the last date the Transfer Station will be open. The Transfer Station will not be open between November 27 and December 18 on Saturdays for yard waste, metal and cardboard!

7. **Curbside Yard Waste Collection: Saturday, December 4.** Have all leaves in Bio-degradable Leaf Bags. Brush should be bundled with twine and no larger than 2 feet in diameter and 3 feet long. Put all at the curb in front of your home BY 7:00am. Do not go by when your trash or recycling is normally picked up.
8. **Roadside Cleanups** – Sarah Repeta is continuing research on a smoother and simpler process for gaining approval for Roadside Cleanups on “low traffic/neighborhood” roads. Sarah researched the road designations around the town – type of road and who is responsible – Town or State.
9. **Contract for Trash and Recycling 2022–Renewal with Pinard Waste Systems.**
Debra Putnam updated members and residents as to discussions with Jess Forrence (Hudson DPW) and Tony Belanger (Pinard). Recycle Right chart explained.
Don’t go solely by whether an item has a triangle!
Plastic and Glass Bottles, Jars, Tubs, Jugs – if it did NOT come with a lid or cap --- ITS TRASH.
Electronics of any type are E-Waste – Must be handled properly – Electronics Recycling events hosted in Town of Hudson regularly by the Scouts and Rotary.
NO Plastic Bags in the Blue Bin!– drop off clean bags for Hudson Lions Club (update to be explained at the first meeting in 2022)
Kate Messner and Ed Thompson both contributed to the discussion regarding how to deal with specific items.
10. **FREE Radon Testing kits:** NH Radon Program is offering free test kits to NH residents. Simply visit the website, <https://aelabs.com/nh>, to order and one will be sent to you with instructions on how to perform the test and a postage paid return envelope. Once the test is complete, please mail it back and allow 2 weeks to receive your test results.
11. **Styrofoam Recycling:** Kate Messner provided info as to a collection event in another NH town. This is a discussion for future meetings as to whether to host a Styrofoam Recycling event in fall of 2022.
12. **December Meeting:** Sarah Repeta made a motion, Ed Thompson seconded. Then by unanimous vote of members there will be NO meeting in December. The next meeting will be the fourth Monday in January.
13. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Ed Thompson explained his attendance in the Residents Police Academy and highly recommends residents signing up for future sessions. Ed explained the serious increase of accidents in Hudson and on major roads like Rte. 3. Please Slow Down!
Brett Gagnon thanked the committee for their hard work on CPCNH and EV School Buses, and wishes all a Happy Holidays – Be Safe. Brett explained about the upgrades and cleanup of the Coburn Town Forest and encouraged residents to enjoy all of the conservation properties -Town Forests. Debra Putnam thanked residents for watching meetings and expressed hope that the committee has provided helpful information. Both Debra and Ed expressed concern about the distracted driving along with speeding within Hudson – endangering lives and noted that in some instances lives are being lost!
14. **Adjourned:** Ed entered a motion to adjourn with Kate seconding, no discussion, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

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