



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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March 28, 2022– 7PM

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

1. **Call to Order: 7:01pm**
2. **Attendance: Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi, Kate Messner, Ed Thompson, Debra Putnam, Craig Putnam, Brett Gagnon – Selectmen Liaison, Sarah Repeta not present.**
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes: February 28, 2022** Motion to approve by Ed Thompson, Seconded by Kate Messner, no discussion, approved unanimously.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 21.78% in February
 - **Expenditure Report:** No Expenditures
 - **Energy Report:** HEAC Informational slide set available to all residents via Sustainability Committee home page on Hudson Town Website: look for blue rectangle -Community Choice Aggregation Options. Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee and progress within the CPCNH. **(See document included in Packet for full report)** Brett Gagnon sought clarification on meeting protocols followed by CPCNH. Craig explained the need to abide by certain RSAs as they stand now. Craig explained the exploration of moving to Electronic Polling. Ed Thompson inquired as to the existence of a Clerk as it affects the operations of polling. Craig reviewed the existence of CCAs across the US. Craig briefly explained the eventual goal of reconciling Load Data across the four Utilities in NH and all members of CPCNH.
HEAC informational presentation at Hudson Senior Center will be on June 28.
More resident and small business representation on the HEAC needed.
EV School Buses for the future – update by Craig Putnam
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are April 9 and April 30 (8:00am-12:00pm) 2022 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. **Starting this week the DPW offices will be open Monday – Thursday 6am – 4pm** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Transfer Station will be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon starting this coming Saturday April 2!**
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections: Next event will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00AM-12:00PM** At the Nashua City Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua. Residents of Hudson are welcome. Cost--\$15 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20

pounds. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <https://www.nashuarpc.org/energy-environmental-planning/household-hazardous-waste/>

8. **Earth Day/Climate Change Awareness/Welcome Spring Party:** Extensive discussion regarding “Party.” Location to be Rodgers Memorial Library grounds pending approval by Linda Pilla, Director of Rodgers Memorial Library. Time frame to be set by Rodgers Memorial Library. Discussion regarding new 24X36 signs for A-Frame stands, mini cupcakes, seedling planting activity, communicating with residents about saving energy and Recycle Right. Brett recommended reaching out to Palmer CTE Center to see if they might like to be involved. Jenn recommended discussion regarding an appropriate name for the event during the April meeting. Jenn entered a motion to hold the event on May 21. Kate seconded that motion. No discussion. Approved unanimously. Brett noted the importance of holding an event of interest to both children and adults. Craig contributed ideas regarding future “events” to be held at the beginning of certain trails/town forests throughout Hudson over the coming years. There will be no “Rain Date.” Both Brett and Ed presented ideas regarding using “vinyl lettering” to customize the 24X36 laminate signs for the A-Frame Stands. So the date, time, etc. can be customized year to year. Ed entered a motion to expend no more than \$50.00 to purchase “vinyl lettering.” Motion seconded by Kate. No further discussion. Unanimous vote.
9. **Earth Day/Climate Change/Sustainability display at Rodgers Memorial Library:** Display to be set up April 2 at 10:00am in case in Lobby of Rodgers Memorial Library by Debra and Kate. Display to include books on Climate Change as recommended by Kate and approved by Linda Pilla for gifting to the Library at the end of April. All books will then be available for check out by residents. Jenn made a motion to authorize the expenditure of no more than \$60.00 on Climate oriented books to be donated to the Library. Brett pointed out that any books being considered need to be cleared by Linda Pilla, Director of Rodgers Memorial Library. Craig made the motion to expend no more than \$60.00 on Climate oriented books with Jenn seconding that motion. There was no further discussion. Members voted unanimously to approve. Discussion lead to the Chair handling the ordering of the books and submitting to the Town for reimbursement from the Committee’s account.
10. **The transition to LED street lights** has been completed. One old and one new street light will be in the display case at Rodgers Memorial Library along with an information page. Debra shared the most recent updates regarding ROI and projected amount that will be saved per year after the project installation is paid. There was a substantial “rebate” received through NHSaves/Eversource. Brett explained the very successful switch to LED light bulbs through out the Rodgers Memorial Library.
11. **Roadside Cleanups** – Extensive discussion regarding Roadside Cleanups – ideas for the future and the development of a Policies and Procedures document for approval by the BOS. This matter to be further discussed and developed during the April and May meetings.
12. **Recycling of plastic bags and Pill Bottles:** Plastic Bags to be brought to main/gym entrance to Alvirne High School. Inquire at the security check point and proceed as the security staff advise, Pill Bottle Recycling update to be included in April or May meeting..
13. **Styrofoam Recycling:** Discussion was extensive. Kate noted that this project involves far more than the committee can commit to at this time. Members informally agreed gather information for a possible program next year. Sources of information regarding a possible existing program- one possible contact is the NRPC. Brett explained that there is a long-term plan to upgrade the Hudson Transfer Station to be a money-making site in the future. Ed Thompson offered to do some research regarding dealing with Styrofoam.

14. **Electronics Recycling Event** hosted by Pack21 Hudson NH on April 10 11:00am-2pm at the Hudson Community Center was announced.
15. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Ed suggests that people out for walks bring a trash bag with them to pick up trash and recyclables along their route. “Every little bit helps!” Kate offered to provide Ed with contact information through NHNetwork about Styrofoam recycling. Brett agreed that NHNetwork offers great information. Brett Thanked both Cory Boutin and Jess Forrence, DPW Director for their efforts in supporting Roadside Cleanups. Brett explained that the review of the new format of having two election locations worked out very well. Selectman Roy was voted in as Chair and Bob Guessferd as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Thanks to voters for supporting the renovations of the Police Station. Brett explained a variety of the Warrant Articles and the effect of the passing of each. Article 26 recount proved the importance of each vote. Town settled one court case and as a result there will be at least a temporary Right to Know Committee that should bring positive effects to town operations. The Right to Know Committee will bring together a variety of skill sets and experience. Brett noted the hard work of Cory Boutin and thanked Cory for cleaning up along long stretches of roads for a number of years.
Debra reviewed the possibility for a new member – Cory Boutin. Brett and Debra concurred that Cory would be a great addition to the Sustainability Committee.
16. **Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Ed, seconded by Jenn, no discussion, unanimous approval: 8:50pm.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

April 18, 2022