



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes



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April 25, 2022– 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** Jenn Stone-Grimaldi, Vice Chairman
2. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Cory Boutin, Brett Gagnon, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi, Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam
3. **Public Input:** Welcome Cory Boutin. BOS hopefully to approve Cory as a member of the Sustainability Committee tomorrow evening at the BOS meeting.

Motion to move ahead in the agenda to section 8 made by Craig Putnam, seconded by Kate Messner. Unanimously in favor.

Public Input: Eric Frauwirth 747 Harvard Street in Manchester and two Alvirne Students

Alvirne is not able to laminate signs so they suggest using Staples as previously done. Mr. Frauwirth can reach out about the electronic sign at Alvirne. The students will be able to produce graphics for a facebook ad as well as slides for HCTV. We discussed the pros and cons of paying for ads on facebook and agree that the free ads work for our purposes. The students will also be able to design a flyer for the event. They will supply the paper for the flyers.

The students suggest the name EcoFest for the event. Kate Messner motions to call the party EcoFest. Ed Thompson seconds. There is discussion as to how to spell EcoFest and it is agreed that it shall be one word in camel case. It is unanimously approved.

Because the students are out of school this week, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi will design the large A-Frame signs and the students will take care of the rest of the graphic design products that will be used for the EcoFest. Debbie Putnam will have the final approval on all graphic designs.

Ed Thompson and Kate Messner will look for businesses that might want to donate/discount raffle prizes. Cory Boutin will approach the local honey vendor.

Craig Putnam makes a motion to expend no more than \$200 for items to be raffled off at the EcoFest. Ed Thompson seconds. Unanimously in favor. Debbie Putnam will have the final say in the raffle items that are available.

Craig Putnam makes a motion for Cory Boutin to act on our behalf once he is officially appointed by the Board of Selectman. Ed Thompson seconds. Unanimously in favor.

4. **Approval of Minutes: March 28, 2022**

Kate Messner makes a motion to approve the March minutes. Craig Putnam seconds. March minutes are approved unanimously.

5. **Reports:**

- **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) – 23.70% for March
- **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) – Does not reflect Total expenditure of \$116.37 for Four books used in Display Case at Library (to be donated to the Rodgers Memorial Library) and vinyl letters, numbers and punctuation marks to customize signs. (Craig will show to members during meeting.)

6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are April 30 and May 30 (8:00am-12:00pm) Important note – Transfer Station will be completely closed on May 14 due to construction work!**

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. **DPW offices are 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 except on May 14!

7. **Hazardous Waste Collections: Next event will be held in Nashua on Thursday, June 2, 2022, 3:00pm-7:00pm** 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. **Roadside Cleanups :**

Brett Gagnon talks the committee through the proposed roadside cleanup document that Debbie Putnam and he have developed together. Ed Thompson mentions that state roads and collection roads are different risks and should possibly be defined separately in the document. Craig Putnam points out a typo where “more” should be replaced with “less.” Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi mentions that visibility should potentially be taken into consideration when defining risk. Brett Gagnon agrees but says that defining visibility on paper is difficult. He says that we could put a comment under the “medium risk” road definition that if the Police Chief or other department head believes a medium risk road is actually high risk due to visibility or other conditions, then that road is redefined as a high risk road. We will revisit this document during the next meeting after we have had time to think about potential changes.

9. **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam updates the committee on his work with Kate Messner on the energy subcommittee. He and Kate attended the annual CPCNH meeting. Officers were elected and paid positions were approved. Craig Putnam continues to work on his energy aggregation plan. Craig and Kate will make a presentation at the Hudson Senior Center on June 28th at 10:00am.

Craig Putnam updates the committee that the money we originally thought might fund EV School Busses does not seem likely to be available to the Hudson community.

10. **Climate Change/Sustainability display at Rodgers Memorial Library:** Kate and Craig will dismantle the display on the evening of April 27. The books will be donated to the library. Other items such as the old and new streetlamps will be stored at the Putnam house for eventual return to the DPW.

11. **Election of Officers during May meeting:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups.

12. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

Ed Thompson looked into the recycling of Styrofoam. There is a new device that condenses Styrofoam by taking the air out of it. There is a facility in Gilford, NH that will soon be doing this. Right now it’s very expensive to recycle Styrofoam, but there is hope the costs will come down. He will try to find out more for the next meeting.

Brett Gagnon mentions that he and Craig Putnam sat down with the Hudson Police Department and discussed littering and what possible legal consequences there are for individuals caught littering. The police department then posted on their facebook that they have a zero-tolerance policy for littering and that there will be fines/punishments for litterers. There was a lot of community support united against litter.

13. Adjourned:

Kate Messner motions to adjourn. Craig Putnam seconds. Unanimously in favor.

Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Vicechair

June 26, 2022