



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes - Final



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June 27, 2022– 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order: 7:03pm**
2. **Attendance:** Debra Putnam, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi, Kate Messner, Craig Putnam(Voting status for this meeting) and Brett Gagnon-Selectmen Liaison. Ed Thompson and Cory Boutin - Excused
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** April 25, 2022 minutes approved – Motion by Craig, seconded by Kate, motion accepted unanimously. (possible grammar correction was not needed)
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 23.64% for May
 - **Expenditure Report:** Fiscal year-end report, budget for 2022-2023 to start July 1, 2022
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are June 25 and July 9 (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. **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.
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections: Next event will be held in Nashua on Saturday, August 6, 2022, 8:00am-12:00noon** 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. Cash and Checks accepted. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit:
www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
8. **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee. Presentation at Hudson Senior Center postponed. EV School Buses for the future update. 2022 Energy Innovation Conference at Derryfield School in Manchester – Craig shared information presented that might be helpful to the Sustainability Committee.

9. **EcoFest** – EcoFest reviewed. Members to consider participating in the **National Night Out** at the Rodgers Memorial Library in the future as that is an established event that is of interest to many residents. Materials were left over and thus, available for use at future events.
10. **Button Up NH** – invitation to host received and declined due to lack of interest last fall.
11. **Old Home Days** – Invitation received from Conservation Commission. Members voted to accept the invitation to host an exhibit next to the Conservation Commission - August 11-14 Motion made by Jenn to host an exhibit, seconded by Craig, no discussion, motion accepted unanimously.
Expenditure authorization for Old Home Days Raffle + exhibit items and possible order of multiple identical items for future events: Motion made by Craig for expenditure not to exceed \$400.00, seconded by Jenn, discussion regarding ideas for purchases, motion accepted unanimously.
Event Hours: Thursday 5PM to 10PM, Friday 5PM to 11PM, Saturday Noon to 11PM Sunday Noon to 5PM. Set Up of exhibits starts at 2pm on Thursday. Then all vehicles must be removed from the exhibit areas by 3:30pm.
Thursday Exhibit was manned 5-9pm, Wednesday 5-10pm, Saturday Noon to 10pm and Sunday Noon to 5:00pm(Teardown& removal of Exhibit)
Schedule for manning the exhibit (including set up and teardown) to be created- Google Sign Up and released to members.
Raffle items – Members present suggested a variety of possible Raffle Items.
Seedling Planting activity expand – Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon?(this question not addressed) Soil and peat pots left from EcoFest. Debra and Craig will bring various items for the exhibit and the “Seedling Planting” during Set up on Thursday, Aug. 11.
12. **Election of Officers:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups. –Due to the fact that two members were not present Jenn made a motion to Postpone, Kate seconded, no discussion, motion accepted unanimously.
13. **Roadside Cleanup Policies and Procedures** document – Discussion postponed to July meeting
14. **Use of foam food trays in schools, use of non-compostable ToGo containers by restaurants and Fast-food vendors** – Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi and Ed Thompson -Postponed to July meeting
15. **Climate Change/Sustainability display at Rodgers Memorial Library:** Kate and Craig dismantled the display. The books donated to the library. Other items such as the old and new streetlamps returned to the DPW after EcoFest. Kate reminded members that the donated books can be used in any future display at the Library.
16. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Brett offered to assist in communications with SAU81 regarding the future of Electric School Buses.
17. **Adjourned:** Craig made a motion to adjourn, Kate seconded, no discussion, motion accepted unanimously.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

July 21, 2022