



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee Minutes - Final



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability    Brett Gagnon, Selectmen Liaison

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**July 25, 2022– 7PM**

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

**Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room**

1. **Call to Order: 7:10pm**
2. **Attendance:** Debra Putnam, Kate Messner, Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam(voting member for this meeting) Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi excused, Cory Boutin not present, Brett Gagnon excused.
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2022** Motion to accept by Ed Thompson, seconded by Kate Messner, vote unanimous to approve.
5. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 23.02 % for June
  - **Expenditure Report:** Debra Putnam reviewed recent expenditures related to preparations for Old Home Days and future exhibits. New budget starting July 1, 2022.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are July 30 and August 13 (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](http://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 **Electric** Aggregation Committee. Presentation made to BOS on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Pages explaining the HEAC added to the Sustainability Committee web pages on the Hudson Town website. Progress to date shared by Craig and Kate - HEAC goal to reduce electricity bills for homeowners and small businesses. The name “Hudson Community Power” is now formally assigned and protected by law. “Hudson Community Power” would replace Eversource as the source of power on the electricity bills if Residents approve the specific Warrant Article on the

March Ballot. Residents are encouraged to view the HCTV recordings of Sustainability Committee meetings for the full depth of the discussions during each meeting.

9. **Banner for events:** Reviewed proposed design. Discussed design of the QR code. Funds for purchase already approved. Order placed by Debra with Staples so that Banner will be completed for use in time for Old Home Days. Craig made a motion to approve the design which Kate seconded and all present voted to approve.
10. **Clear Sign Display stands** – Portrait and Horizontal orientation (3 each) purchased for use at all events and in displays.
11. **Old Home Days August 11-14** – 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 immediately followed by Teardown& removal of Exhibit. Schedule for manning the exhibit (including set up and teardown) using Google Sign Up was released to members on July 13.  
**Raffle items** –Three items purchased by the Chair per suggestions made by members during the June meeting. Items on display during meeting.  
**Seedling Planting** activity to be on Sunday.70+ lettuce plants donated by Smith Farm will be ready for pick up on Aug. 12 or early Aug 13. Soil and peat pots left from EcoFest. Debra and Craig will bring various items for the exhibit during Set up on Thursday, Aug. 11. Members to bring outdoor/camp chairs. Debra to contact DPW regarding the delivery and pick up of one Pop-up tent and the loan, delivery and pick up of two tables.
12. **Election of Officers:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups. This action item Tabled - all members present agreed.
13. **Roadside Cleanup Policies and Procedures** document – Progress Review. Should there be a Fall Roadside Cleanup? This action item Tabled - all members present agreed.
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  
This action item Tabled - all members present agreed.
15. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Debra and Craig will not be available to attend the August meeting. Kate noted that one of the winner of plants at EcoFest is a young girl who has now decided she is very interested in horticulture! Ed explained about his great experience visiting the Castle in the Clouds for the first time recently! The Gardens are spectacular, and the “Castle” has a very interesting history. Castle in the Clouds is now managed by the NH Conservation Commission. Debra invited residents to visit the Sustainability Committee exhibit at Old Home Days!
16. **Adjourned:** Motion to Adjourn made by Kate, seconded by Ed, then all members voted Aye.

*Debbie Putnam*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair*

September 5, 2022