



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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Dec. 19, 2022– 7PM

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

1. **Call to Order: 7:00pm**
2. **Attendance: Debra Putnam, Ed Thompson, Kate Messner and Craig Putnam (voting status at the meeting to meet quorum requirement)**
Membership update: Cory Boutin
Former Selectmen Liaison Brett Gagnon – Resignation and future assignment of a Selectmen Liaison.
3. **Public Input:** none
4. **Approval of Minutes: October 24 and November 28, 2022** by Ed Thompson Motion to accept both Minutes was made by Craig Putnam and seconded by Kate Messner. No edits requested. Unanimous vote to accept.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.49% for the month of November
 - **Expenditure Report:** Balance was \$1056.91. Expenses for posters and lettering was filed- \$308.02 - regards to promoting the two Public Hearings. These expenses do not show up in the November report. (The expenditure of up to \$400.00 had been approved)
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The last date in 2022 the Transfer Station will be open is December 31 (8:00am-12:00pm).** On December 31 a 2022 Transfer Station Pass is Needed. The Transfer Station will be open **January 28** and **February 25** – 8:00am-12:00noon – 2023 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station will NOT be open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon again until April of 2023.
DPW offices winter hours are **8am-4pm Monday-Friday** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** There are no dates scheduled for the rest of 2022. We expect that the schedule will resume in April of 2023. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit:
www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php

8. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members and residents on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. The updates included the most recent presentation to the BOS where the text of the Warrant Article to be on the March Ballot was approved by a vote of 5-0.

“To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Hudson Community Power plan, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Hudson Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary.”

Tax Impact: None

Governing Body Vote: 5 – 0

Craig Putnam explained the importance of the Deliberative Session scheduled for February 4th and then the Town voting on March 14.

The scheduling of Office Hours in Study room #2 in the Rodgers Memorial Library was explained. Dates and times booked through the end of January. There is the option to continue scheduling Office Hours through February. Office Hours are one hour session one evening a week and one hour on the Saturday morning where residents can stop by, no reservations needed, to ask any questions they have about Community Power Aggregation.

The recording of the Get Tech Smart session hosted by Flo Nicolas is now available via the HCTV website. Enter “Get Tech Smart” in the search field. This session focused on Community Power Aggregation in general and included information specific to Hudson.

Craig explained about the various documents being worked on within CPCNH that need to be finalized to help the Wave 1 towns, those going live with Community Power Aggregation this spring. If the Warrant Article is approved by voters on March 14, Hudson would be one of the Wave 2 towns that would mostly not go live until spring of 2024.

A first draft of a “Logo” was presented. (This logo was in fact changed subsequent to the Dec. meeting. The new Logo is up on the HEAC pages on the Hudson Town website and will be shown at the January meeting.)

9. **Minutes of the Public Hearing -Draft:** Motion to accept the minutes was made by Kate Messner and seconded by Ed Thompson. There was a unanimous vote to accept.
10. **Get Tech Smart:** A recording session took place on December 14th with Flo Nicolas at the HCTV studio. Craig Putnam updated residents and members. See notes above.
11. **Roadside Cleanups:** Looking to spring – Continuation of Wason Rd. Cleanup is on the minds of committee members. This project can only move forward with the support of a number of residents.

12. The next meeting – January 23rd.

13. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments: Ed Thompson expressed sincere thanks to the BOS for their questions and suggestions during each of the HEAC presentations that lead to the BOS voting to move the Warrant Article forward to the Ballot on March 14. Kate Messner and Debra Putnam concurred with Ed Thompson in that the questions the BOS asked prompted further research and outreach ideas to help present the opportunity to the homeowners/business owners/voters. Members wished residents a Merry Christmas and Peace and Happiness in the New Year.

14. Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Ed Thompson, seconded by Kate Messner. No discussion. Adjourned at 7:28pm

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

January 19, 2022