



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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February 28, 2022– 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order: 7:00pm**
2. **Attendance:** Debbie Putnam, Kate Messner, Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam
Brett Gagnon excused, Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi excused, Sarah Repeta not present
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** First the Minutes were quickly reviewed for the benefit of the residents watching the HCTV show and/or recording. Ed Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes. Kate Messner seconded the motion. No further discussion. November 22, 2021 Minutes were approved by unanimous vote
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** Percentages over the past few months consistent.
 - **Expenditure Report:** No expenditures since meeting in November 2021.
 - **Energy Report:** Extensive review and discussion of presentation to BOS and decisions made by the BOS on Nov. 23 - Craig Putnam and Kate Messner. Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee and the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). An informational PDF slide set was created by Craig Putnam and Kate Messner. That slide set is available to all Hudson residents through the home page for the Sustainability Committee on the Hudson Town website. Craig Putnam updated members on the possibility of EV School Buses in the future.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station:** The next two dates of March 26 and April 9 (8:00am-12:00pm) 2022 were announced along with the following info: 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 Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm through the end of March. Starting April 1 the office is open Monday through Thursday 6am – 4pm, 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Transfer Station will be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal and cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon starting in April.
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** It was announced that the 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. Roadside Cleanups** – Debra Putnam shared information about recent communications on Hudson Residents Facebook pages and new participants on the Hudson Sustainability Committee Facebook page. There is renewed interest amongst some residents in organizing Roadside Cleanups in their neighborhoods and along specific stretches of certain roads in Hudson. One resident posted a request that Pelham Road be a focus road for a Cleanup. The Sustainability Committee is ready and willing to supply residents with black trash bags and blue bags for recyclables and coordinate with the Hudson DPW when residents organize a Roadside Cleanup.
- Debra then posed a question to the Committee – Do we organize a second attempt at a Cleanup along Wason Rd? Debra explained the support received from the DPW and Hudson Police Department in working along Wason Rd. in the past. Due to the serious safety issues along Wason Rd. such a Roadside Cleanup will require new firm commitments from the DPW and the Hudson Police Department before seeking approval from the Board of Selectmen. Such a process would need to be started about 8 weeks before the date voted on by the committee to allow time for all approvals and then advertising the need for volunteers. Ed Thompson noted that the committee must have the support of residents for any Roadside Cleanup to be successful with a goal of 12 volunteers committing to a Saturday morning -9:00am-12:00noon. All members present informally discussed the various factors that must be considered and mutually agreed to put Roadside Cleanups off for the time being.
- 9. Recycling of plastic bags and Pill Bottles:** Updates shared by Debra Putnam based on current information. Awaiting confirmation from Hudson Lions Club about their youth group at Alvirne gaining formal approval for a plastic bag collection with the goal of an eventual bench. The bench would be donated for placement at a location chosen by the Hudson Lions Club in coordination with the group/organization/administration overseeing the chosen location. Setting up a Pill Bottle collection location in Hudson would require coordination between the Nashua and the Hudson clubs.
- 10. Styrofoam Recycling:** Members discussed the viability of organizing a Styrofoam Collection event in Hudson. Such an event would require substantial advance notice to residents and probable coordination with the DPW regarding a collection location. During the discussion amongst members the fact that currently Styrofoam must go into the trash was noted. Ed Thompson reminded residents that the 2022 Services Guide (2022 Waste and Recycling Services Guide) is available to all residents through the official Hudson website.
- 11. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Ed Thompson – Please get out and vote! Note which Ward you should go to. Debra Putnam noted the hours the polls would be open and agreed with Ed Thompson – Please vote.
- Kate Messner explained NH Network and their goal of encouraging people to focus on Climate Change through displays at Libraries. Kate and Debra will work with the Rodgers Memorial Library to host a Climate Change display during the month of April.
- Ed Thompson brought up Earth Day which started a discussion regarding the Earth Day parties the Sustainability Committee hosted before COVID. Whether to host an Earth Day party in 2022 will be discussed and voted on during the March meeting.
- 12. Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Kate Messner. Seconded by Craig Putnam. Approved by unanimous vote. 8:05pm

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

March 22, 2022