



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes - Final



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Sept. 8, 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, Craig Putnam**
Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi, Kate Messner, Cory Boutin and Brett Gagnon all excused.
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** No Quorum: Approval of July Minutes will be done during the October meeting.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** Recycling percentage reported in July and August were normal for Hudson.
 - **Expenditure Report:** New fiscal year. Balance reflects Old Home Days expenditures along with promotional items that can be used many times in the future.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates were the Saturday, Sept. 10th and then Sept. 24th (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 is open each Saturday for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon.
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections: The next event will be held in Nashua on Saturday, October 8 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
There will only be one more Hazardous Waste Collection day on November 5, 2022.
8. **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Craig reviewed progress in regards to CPCNH and Community Power in general. A link was added to the Sustainability Committee home page on the Hudson Town website to inform residents and promote the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee – goal is to reduce electricity bills for homeowners and small businesses. The HEAC pages will be

updated as matters change and progress is made. The BOS had approved an adjustment to the Joint Powers Agreement to allow CPCNH to make necessary changes by approval of the Board Members at times other than the Annual Meeting. The next presentation to the BOS will be during a “Working Session” on October 4th. A notice will be posted on the Sustainability Committee Facebook page when the new HEAC pages are available. Residents will be encouraged to explore the new pages and the information they contain.

9. **Banner for events:** Those enjoying the Old Home Days event were able to see the new Banner.
10. **Clear Sign Display stands** – All were used to display information during Old Home Days. These stands will be for use during informational meetings/sessions hosted by the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee in the months before the March Town Elections.
11. **Old Home Days August 11-14** – The interest in the exhibit next to the Conservation Commission was moderate but we believe the helpful information presented and discussed was appreciated by attendees from Hudson and surrounding towns. The Sustainability Committee thanked the Conservation Commission for enabling the Sustainability Committee to have an exhibit! The Free Raffle was well received and all three winners were happy. Going by the ticket count the Solar Charger for cell phones was the most popular raffle item. Young children enjoyed “planting” their own lettuce plant, donated by Smith Farm, to take home! We hope this activity sparked an interest in gardening – children getting involved with raising vegetables at their home. Big Thank You to the DPW for transporting two popup tents, tables and chairs to the site and then back to storage!
12. **Election of Officers:** Postponed until the October 24 meeting due to lack of a quorum. Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups
13. **Roadside Cleanup Policies and Procedures** document –This item was moved to the October meeting.
14. **Use of foam food trays in schools, use of non-compostable ToGo containers by restaurants and Fast-food vendors** –This item was moved to the October meeting.
15. **The next regular meeting** will be held on October 24th. The expectation is that all members will be in attendance. Elections of Officers will be held. Important updates regarding the HEAC will be shared with residents.
16. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Debra noted that the Friends of the Library will be hosting two Book Donation days – Sept 24 and Oct 22 1-3pm in the Rodgers Memorial Library parking lot. Ed reviewed his experiences when staffing the exhibit during Old Home Days: In specific the interest in and resulting discussions about residential Solar options.
17. **Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Ed, seconded by Craig. All present voted Aye at approximately 7:28pm.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

October 18, 2022