



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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May 22, 2023– 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 7:06pm.
2. **Attendance:** Karl Huber (HEAC rep), Chris Thatcher, Kate Messner, Bob Guessferd (Selectmen Liaison), Deb Putnam (Chairman), Ed Thompson, Alex Woodyard (HEAC rep), Craig Putnam, Jen Stone-Grimaldi (absent).

3. **Public Input:** None

4. **Presentation by Henry Herndon – Community Power Coalition of NH**

Mr. Herndon was introduced by Craig Putnam. Mr. Herndon gave another comprehensive presentation. He reviewed the history of the company and the snapshot of the current members, proposed members, and financial picture. He described the structure of the company led by Brian Callnan, the current CEO, formerly at VT Power and most recently New Hampshire Electric Co-op. Outlined the current contractors as well that manage the technical and financial end of the business. Next step is to review the details of a potential contract and he suggested the spring 2024 time frame to launch since it has the advantage of reduced startup costs as energy is lower.

Rates, Risk and Reserves. Terms of contract were explained. These are 36-month terms, Hudson would be the third largest CPCNH customer in the state based on energy load demand. Where do the revenues go? The financial reserves of the company are proportionate to how much each town contributes. Current rate is 15.8 Cents/kwh (9.5 cost + 6.3 to reserve). The startup costs are absorbed in the 9.5 cost of service.

Town responsibility is low. Steps that are being followed...Appoint the committee, develop plan, evaluate and recommending a provider. Operations are performed by the coalition. Hudson could opt to add to the rate to make a Hudson-specific reserve fund.

Local control. The Town of Hudson (ToH) could select the default option for rates or add more or less renewable energy. Can also add a small amount to the rate in order to contribute to a ToH reserve fund.

Calpine handles all the financial billing and retail customer services.

Please find the full CPCNH slide presentation here:

5. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Review included the timeline preparing for Workshop with the BOS, date specific to be proposed for October 3rd by Mr. Guessferd.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** April 24 , 2023, Minutes – submitted by Debra Putnam

Motion to accept minutes with edits made by Chair Putnam by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Messner. Minutes approved 5-0. Two abstentions – Mr. Guessford and Mr. Thatcher.
7. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) March was 23.47%
Note the significant drop in tonnage both Trash and Recyclables
 - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) Balance is \$76.82
8. **Hudson Transfer Station: It is now open two Saturdays each month with the next two Saturdays being: May 27 and June 10 - 8:00am-12:00noon – 2023 passes will be needed.**
The Transfer Station is now open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon on Saturdays – No Pass required!
DPW offices winter hours are **8am-4pm Monday-Friday** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
9. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The schedule is resuming for 2023. The next two dates are **Thursday, June 1, 2023, 3:00PM-7:00PM** and **Saturday, August 5, 2023, 8:00AM-12:00PM** Both at 25 Crown Street, Nashua Cost--\$15 user fee per vehicle (cash or check), additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds. Carpooling encouraged!
For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit:
www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
10. **The next meeting** – Normal date would be June 26. Craig and Debra Putnam will not be available. Members to vote whether to move up meeting to June 19th. Buxton Meeting room is not currently booked the evening of June 19. The week following June 26 is the week of July 4.
Motion to move meeting to June 19th by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Putnam.
Motion passes 6-0.
11. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Ms. Messner suggested preparing an update for June 13th BOS meeting.
12. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 9:10 by Mr. Putnam, Second by Mr. Guessford. Motion carried 6-0.

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