



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability & Bob Guessferd, Selectmen Liaison

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**September 25, 2023 – 7PM**  
**Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room**

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Attendance:**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** August 21, 2023, Minutes – Ed Thompson – (included in the Packet)
6. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) 24.66% August
  - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) One filing for the sidewalk chalk is yet to be submitted and processed totaling- \$20.11. Discuss adjusting dollar allocations in the Expenditure Report.
7. **Hudson Transfer Station: It is open two Saturdays each month with the next two Saturdays being: Saturday September 30 and October 14 - 8:00am-12:00noon – 2023 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon on Saturdays – No Pass required! DPW offices are still on the summer hours schedule: **6am-4pm Monday-Thursday** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.**
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next two dates are **Saturday, October 7, 2023**, and **Saturday, November 4, 2023 8:00AM-12:00PM**, 25 Crown Street, Nashua  
**Important note: November 4 will be the last Hazardous Waste Collection of this calendar year!**  
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](http://www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php)

**9. Clean Energy NH: Municipal Membership** – The Municipal Membership was processed. Confirmation was received September 20, 2023. Information from CENH – See Packet for full content of welcome email from CENH and the Municipal Membership document.  
**Members are requested to authorize the Chair to release to CENH the email address they each use for Sustainability Committee matters. Members need to reach a consensus as to which two members will be attending the Conference.**

**10. Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund:** Discussion and then vote as to whether to revive the Warrant Article on the 2020 and 2022 Town Ballots for the purpose of increasing the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund so as to enable the Town to benefit from the savings associated with the reduction in energy usage – Electricity, Heating Oil, Gas (through changes to LED lighting, reducing heat loss – window replacements or at least improve insulation (evaluating a building’s thermal losses). The Warrant Article was first presented to voters at the March voting on the 2020 ballot.

The again in 2022: March 2022 Ballot:

Article 17 Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-1) Tax Rate Impact \$.01 cents

**11. Information gathered by Chris Thatcher** (see Addendum 1 included in Packet for June meeting). Information shared by Jay Twardosky, DPW Director (see Addendum 2 included in Packet for June meeting). Information was presented and possible actions were discussed for assisting the Town in “moving forward” with new/expanded recycling programs.  
>Composting was another topic that Mr. Thatcher was looking in to and Chairman Putnam explained some of the regulations that must be followed.  
>The transfer station has several projects being looked at including a Styrofoam processing machine.  
>Most recently the concept of keeping more items made of cloth out of the trash stream came up. Diverting cloth items that are at “end of life” from ending up in Trash Bins will result in significant savings for the residents through the reduction in the Trash Processing bill from Pinard Waste Management.  
>These ideas and more will be discussed over the course of multiple meetings.

**12. The next meeting** – October 23, 2023 (Normal fourth Monday of the month – But Craig and Debbie will be flying home that day).

**13. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**

**14. Adjournment:**

*Debra Putnam*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair September 22, 2023*