



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability & Bob Guessferd, Selectmen Liaison

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**January 22, 2024 – 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. Most important news is the upcoming Public Information Session on January 31 starting at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Rodgers Memorial Library.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** November 20, 2023, Minutes – Debra Putnam– (included in the Packet)
6. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) 24.79% December 2023
  - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) No expenditures in through the end of 2023. The Sustainability Committee received a donation in 2016 of \$150.00. This was found by Lisa Labrie. There are no remaining records as to the source of the donation. But, the funds will be used to pay for the “overlays” referred to during the HEAC report. Though the expenditure (\$106.75) was formally approved by Steve Malizia, Town Admin. a vote by members to confirm would be appropriate.
7. **Hudson Transfer Station: It is open one Saturday each month from now until April. The next two days it will be open – January 27 and February 24 - 8:00am-12:00noon – 2024 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station is **not** open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday until April. Residents can drop off metal, cardboard and/or yard waste without the need of a Pass on Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 during normal Transfer Station hours. DPW offices are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.**
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The last Hazardous Waste Collection for 2023 was on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Collection days will resume in the spring of 2024.  
For more information 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. Holiday Lights Collection: The Holiday Lights Collection was a big success. Over 240lbs.** of broken strings of holiday lights were collected and will be properly recycled! Collection Boxes were set at the Town Hall, the Rodgers Memorial Library and the Community Building at Shepard's Hill. The Committee wishes to thank Hudson Troop 20 especially for coordinating with the committee. While Troop 20 collected approximately 100 Christmas Trees they also collected strings of Holiday Lights set next to the trees. This combined service enabled residents to get both their tree and broken lights picked up! The donations received by Troop 20 will enable them to offer a variety of programs benefiting Hudson children. After gaining approval from Jay Twardowsky, Debbie went to the Transfer Station on December 30 to pick up any strings of lights collected by DPW staff. The staff screens all residents who are dropping off live Christmas trees to make sure no lights are still attached. This has been a problem in the past.... but the onsite staff that morning were very happy to report that not one resident tried to drop off their tree with lights still on.
- 10. Composting:** Extensive discussion to be started regarding Black Earth and the Tyngsboro Sustainability Committee's launch on Jan. 16 of a Composting option for Tyngsboro residents. (Please see materials included in Packet from Black Earth)
- 11. Solar Farm options for the Town of Hudson:** Quick review of the Sustainability Committee's hosting of two Solar Information Sessions open to all residents and businesses in Hudson in years past. Also the research and data gathered by Linda Kipnes and presented to the BOS years ago regarding options for the Town of Hudson having Solar Arrays on the roofs of certain Town Buildings as a way of bringing down electricity fees. The Solar options for the Town of Hudson has been discussed many times over the years just since the current Chair joined in the spring of 2014. Sustainability Committee meetings welcome all input from members and residents about the future of Solar in Hudson.
- 12. Roadside Cleanups:** Start Discussion about running a Cleanup near Earth Day – 2024 followed possibly by an Earth Day Party. Earth Day 2024 is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Roadside Cleanup and any Party would need to be on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 13. Management of the Sustainability Committee Facebook page:** Chris Thatcher was able to be added as an Administrator. Chris proposed updating the format of the committee's presence on Facebook to allow for posting of notices and communications with residents....so perhaps two formats that are linked. This is a project to be worked on as time allows.
- 14. The next meeting** – February 26, 2024
- 15. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**
- 16. Adjournment:**

*Debra Putnam*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair January 19, 2024*