



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee Minutes



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### February 26, 2024 – 7PM Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order: 7:00pm**
2. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Bob Guessferd – Selectmen Laison, Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam, Chairman Debra Putnam. Karl Huber and Chris Thatcher - excused.
3. **Public Input:** Patricia Leese, Burns Hill Rd. Hudson. Subject-Composting. Grow Nashua member. Gave explanation of her experience with composting and her concern to keep the composting material in Hudson vs shipping it away. Importance to start with the school system. Also, the importance of having the soil brought back to Hudson. See Item 9 for Composting Committee info.
4. **Composting:** As a result of healthy discussions during the January meeting it was decided to create a subcommittee to focus on Composting options for individual residents and weigh the options for town wide composting service. One resident emailed the committee indicating their interest in participating on the subcommittee. That resident is Lisa Weber who contributed as Public Input during the January meeting. (See Word docx included in Packet about Renewal Compost.)
5. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam, Kate Messner and Chris Thatcher updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee – specifically the launch of Hudson Community Power. Starting Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, meter reading dates will begin to reflect CPCNH as electric supply provider. Presentation was done at the Senior Center and C. Putnam was asked to return on Mar 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am for a follow-up presentation with Q&A. HCTV interview scheduled with Q&A and FAQs for Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** January 22, 2024, Minutes – Motion to approve by Craig Putnam, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kate Messner. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (was included in the Packet) 25.53% January 2024
  - **Expenditure Report:** (was included in the Packet) No expenditures in January 2024. The Sustainability Committee received a donation in 2016 of \$150.00. Some (\$106.75) of this donation was used to pay for the overlays on the 2’X3’ A-Frame signs – announcing the upcoming Public Information Session on January 31. The February Expenditure report will probably show the expenditure and then the reimbursement from the Donation account.

- 8. Hudson Transfer Station:** It is open one Saturday each month from now until April. The next two days it will be open – March 30 and April 13 - 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 6. Residents can drop off metal, cardboard and/or yard waste without the need of a Pass on March 30 and then every Saturday starting April 6. DPW offices are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
- 9. Hazardous Waste Collections:** The last Hazardous Waste Collection days will resume **on** Saturday, April 20, 2024, 8 a.m. to Noon. Location: 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua, NH.  
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)
- 10. Visit to the Walpole Recycling Center:** Kate Messner and Debbie Putnam visited (Report was included in Packet). K. Messner gave a slide review of the facility. Very impressive facility. Most of the proceeds go to a food pantry and library. This facility takes in recyclables from other towns as well as Walpole. This facility heats their building with recycled oil. Large items are taken like mattresses. Cardboard recycling is a big operation at the facility. There are several facets of the facility that could be considered for Hudson.
- 11. The future of Recycling in Hudson:** Discussed information and facts that Sustainability Committee members can contribute to the evolution of recycling in Hudson.
- 12. Solar Farm options for the Town of Hudson:** Continued discussion recognizing input from members. B. Guessferd expressed that we should wait until the election is over. Then hopefully the committee can have some input in the discussions about solar power in the town.
- 13. Roadside Cleanups:** A consensus was made to have a Roadside Cleanup near Earth Day – 2024 followed 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>**. Any plans for a Roadside Cleanup need to be approved by the DPW and the HPD and then submitted to the BOS for final approval before any promotion of the activity can commence. After securing approval from the DPW and the HPD a request for approval needs to be submitted by Feb 28 so the BOS can vote during their March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The next time the BOS meets is the end of March...too close to the Roadside Cleanup Day to allow for proper promotion to engage residents.
- 14. Management of the Sustainability Committee Facebook page:** Chris Thatcher was able to be added as an Administrator. This is a project to be worked on as time allows.
- 15. The next meeting –** March 25, 2024
- 16. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** B. Guessferd said dump passes starting in July additional passes will be available for a small fee. More details to come.
- 17. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by C. Putnam, Seconded by K. Messner, Motion carried unanimously.

*Edward Thompson*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary Mar 20, 2024*