



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

### Minutes



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**March 24, 2025**  
**Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** at 7:03pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Attendance:** Chris Thatcher, Alyssa Hanley, Kate Messner, Bob Guessferd (Seleman Liasion) (excused), Roy Sorenson (Town Administrator), Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam (alternate), Karl Huber, Jake Keller, Bob Larson, Debra Putnam (Chair).
5. **Presentation by "Alvirne Sustainability Club"** – Five Alvirne HS students presented on their goals followed by a discussion on how the Sustainability Committee can help the Club attain their goals.

Currently, \$9k is being spent on recycling but \$12k on trash per year. The desire is to reduce the trash cost. 2025 recycling goals at school include serving trays, recycling bins, and a recycling club. Need to advertise to improve visibility. Promoting awareness on social media and Hudson Old Home Days could be a start.

A \$3k grant is available to the group with another potential \$1k available to apply for another grant. Black Earth Composting is another goal, would be \$21/weekly cost. Working farm could use much of the compost that would be returned to the school. Kate M. mentioned UpliftNH.com that assists schools with recycling programs. Karl H. complimented the group on attending and their interest in these topics. Chris T. asked about the conference the group attended in VT where the group got educational help with recycling. Debra P. shared that the blue recycling bins need to be monitored by teachers to avoid trash in recycling bins and that Casella has detailed lists of what can and cannot be recycled. Debra also offered next steps as the group moves forward. Jake K. suggested that the students think broadly and think long term with what efforts they are doing now.

#### **Hudson Community Power – See Update attached.**

6. Craig P. updated the committee on news related to Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. Informed the committee that HB 760 is still pending. Also, directed on where information on the CPCNH website could be found. The FAQs link at CPCNH website contains answers to many of the questions the BOS was asking. Go to: <https://www.cpcnh.org/post/spring-2025-leadership-transition-member-updates-faq>

Roy Sorenson, Town Administrator, worked with the Committee to develop a clear set of questions from the March 4 BOS meeting, the answers to which will be presented to the BOS on

April 8. CPCNH Acting General Manager Henry Herndon will be joining Craig P., Kate M. (CPCNH Alternate Member Rep for Hudson), and Debbie P. for the April 8 BOS meeting.  
**See Enclosed Questions from BOS**

7. **Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC)** – Karl Huber handed out a timeline and task list for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Roadside Cleanup of Webster Street. During the meeting the committee worked on completing the chart with each member using the chart to work from as April 19<sup>th</sup> approaches and through to completion of tasks post Cleanup.

**Using the handout, Kate M. made a motion to approve expenditures not to exceed \$200 for food, drinks, seconded by Ed T. Motion passed unanimously. Assignments:**  
**Alyssa H. - chairs, pop up tents, folding tables. Chris T. – name tags. Ed T. – upload flyer to 6 FB pages. Karl H. to draw up an ad to splash. Ed T. take signs back after the cleanup. Kate M. will stuff back packs with items. Chris T. will send the email. Ed T. to pickup food at 11am at Market Basket.**

8. **Approval of Minutes:** February 24, 2025 - Kate M. motioned to approve, Jake K. seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Chris T. abstained; Karl H. abstained.

9. **Reports:**

- **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.36% (Included in Packet)
- **Expenditure Report:** Current balance is \$736.50 (no change) One receipt for less than \$25.00 was submitted for printing done for A Frame signs at exits of Polling Stations along with “Take Home” slips of paper.

10. **Hudson Transfer Station:** The new “**2025 Solid Waste Brochure**”, also showing up as the “2025 Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Guide,” is now available 24/7 through both the **DPW Transfer Station Hours & Rules** web page and the Sustainability Committee page: **Recycling & Solid Waste Services Guide**. Information specifically regarding recycling can be accessed directly via **casella.com/RecycleBetter**. Those residents with questions regarding trash collections or recycling that are not answered by reviewing the full document should call **CASELLA** – 603-623-7933 during normal business hours. DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The option of dropping off cut-up cardboard, metal and/or yard waste on any Saturday will resume in April.  
**The next two dates when the Transfer Station will be fully open are March 29 & April 12 – 8:00am-12:00pm.**

**This action item was essentially tabled at the February meeting. Communication with DPW required. CASELLA:** Tony Belanger emailed links to two Casella Public Awareness Ads that CASELLA had produced for informational purposes on TV covering all regions where the company has a presence. Tony has authorized Hudson to use either one to help get the word out to Hudson residents through HCTV. Michael Johnson, Director of Community Media, has indicated HCTV’s willingness to “broadcast” either, as long as a quick PSA (1-2 minutes) is recorded by either Jay Twardosky or his designee, or by a member of the Sustainability Committee, approved by Jay or his designee.

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30: <https://app.air.inc/a/c2fe3hQOq>

This item was tabled again until the next meeting.

11. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next two collection events will be **Saturday April 19, 8am - noon, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua** and **Saturday May 10, 8am - noon, Milford Public**

Works, 289 South Street, Milford. Please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570 with questions.

**New fee per car is \$20.00 cash or check.** Households can come together to make one drop off.

NOTE: **Old medications** can be dropped off in the bin within the vestibule at the Hudson Police Department. **Syringes** (in a hard-shell container) can be dropped off at local hospitals SNHMC and St. Joe's Hospital. The CASELLA 2025 Solid Waste Brochure includes more information.

**12. Election of Vice Chair:** Nomination Karl Hubert to Vice Chair. No other nominations. Motion to appoint Karl H. as Vice Chair by Chris T., seconded by Kate M. . Motion passed unanimously.

**13. Legislation to Address Climate Change and Report about possible grants–** by Bob Larson  
Please refer to the email. This is money that was left over from the Biden administration that has been provided to the state of NH in order to assist in installing solar powered photovoltaic panels. April 18<sup>th</sup> deadline for a letter of intent to apply for a grant for these monies ranging from \$40k to \$200K. Jake K. and Bob L. will work together to get information but given the timeline and the amount of steps needed to take to get approval to apply for the grant, no action was taken to move forward on letter of intent.

**14. The next meeting –** April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**15. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** None

**16. Motion for Adjournment** by T., Kate M. seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

*Edward Thompson*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary March 25, 2025*