



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Advisory Committee

12 School Street.

Hudson, New Hampshire 03051

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**September 22, 2025**

**Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Ed Thompson to stand in as Chairman for this meeting.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Attendance:** Karl Huber excused
5. **Presentation:**
  - Sarah Brock Clean Energy NH
    - Co. overview – How can Clean Energy help SAC reach its goals?
    - Understand Grant programs  
(Sarah will use the large screen TV and arrive early to give HCTV the slides so they are more readable by the residents.)
6. **Approval of Minutes:** August 25, 2025 – Ed Thompson (included in packet)
7. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report: 22.69% for August** (Included in Packet)
  - **Expenditure Report:** (included in Packet) Will eventually reflect expenditure for toys for NNO and for 100 3pkts of reuseable vegetable bags = total to be filed for reimbursement of \$231.59. The balance in the account will eventually show \$1068.41.
  - \$300.00 for Black Earth Carnival Truck for Pumpkin Smash not due until after the Nov.8 event.
  - \$300.00 for membership in Clean Energy NH will be due late fall.
8. **DPW and Hudson Transfer Station:** Casella new phone number: 800-227-3552  
The “2025 Solid Waste Brochure”, is available 24/7 through both the DPW Transfer Station Hours & Rules web page. The next two dates when the Transfer Station will be fully open are this coming Saturday - Sept. 27 and October 11, 2025 – 8:00am-12:00pm. Any Saturday 8am-12noon residents can drop off metal, cut up cardboard, and yard waste without using a Transfer Station Pass.

9. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next collection event is this coming Saturday September 27, 8am - noon, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua. **The last one of the year will be November 11** 8am - noon, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua. Please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570 with questions.
- Important: The Lithium-Ion Battery Disposal Ban is now in effect statewide. Lowes (south Nashua) and all Home Depot stores have drop off locations. Staples accepts Lithium Batteries at each manned register. Turn in the Lithium Batteries to a cashier. If you have a Staples account, they will add some points to your account. Those without an account can turn in batteries as well. (Note: the public does not have access to a “bin or drop off” at any Staples.) HCTV is regularly showing a slide. (Detailed flyer in September Packet)**
10. **Hudson Sustainability Survey results from National Night Out (NNO) & Hudson Old Home Days (OHD)**
- Jake Keller to present a report showing the top three (3) priority items for discussion and submit the report to the BOS.
  - This topic got a write up in the Hudson Times. See article in the packet (HT\_SAC\_Survey-NNO-OHD\_results.pdf included in packet).
11. **Budget Proposal for 2026-2027:** Created and presented by Chris Thatcher (proposed budget included in Packet) After discussion with possible editing of the budget Chris is to book and host a presentation to the BOS of the proposed 26-27 budget. Which other members, if any, should be present to answer questions during the presentation to the BOS?
12. **Charter** – Document released by Karl Huber, Chairman, for final discussion and approval by a quorum of members at the September meeting. (See document included in the packet SAC Charter draft (9-7-25).pdf included in packet.)
13. **Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund:** Debbie Putnam to share information about last year's efforts to get a Warrant Article approved for the March Ballot and the subsequent vote.
14. **LES Conference – Thur. Sept 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 4:00 pm Manchester NH** Bob Larson and Kate Mesner to represent Hudson at the Conference. The membership in Clean Energy NH includes two free tickets to the Conference.
15. **Possible Grants** available to the Town of Hudson: Bob Larson will advise of any updates.
- Members to discuss information presented by Sarah Brock. (This issue got a write up in the Hudson Times. See article included in the packet.)
16. **Composting Mgmt – Yard Waste**
- This topic got a write up in the Hudson Times. See article included in the packet (HT\_Hudson\_Compost\_Mgmt\_info.pdf).
  - a. Town contract with Mayer Tree Service
- This contract did not include any wording on “composting yard waste” Heidi Jacoby and Deb Putnam met with Roy Sorenson to discuss this fact.

- b. Karl Huber did send email to Elvis Dhima and Jay Twardosky to get SAC more involved in this project. More discussion will need to take place.

**17. Casella Recycling Ad**

- This item should just be discussed as it was a very high topic of interest in the NNO / OHD survey conducted by the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Refer to Casella website for more information.
- Casella website link <https://www.casella.com/services/recycling>

**18. Alvirine Sustainability Group**

- This topic should just be discussed and plan for further followup.
- Debbie Putnam to update regarding involvement in Pumpkin Smash event. See item 20.

**19. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC)**

- Karl Huber sent email to Roy Sorenson and Jay Twardosky to get SAC more involved in this project. More discussion will need to take place.
  - i. Re. State CRC program. How does the program work? How often will details be available to do Roadside Cleanups. The greatest concern are the State Roads and the roads identified as “dangerous” according to the HPD and DPW.

**20. Pumpkin Smash event – Sat. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

- Debbie Putnam to update SAC on plans for this event.
- This topic got a write up in the Hudson Times. See article in the packet (HT\_SAC\_Pumpkin\_But-up-wkshp\_Nov.pdf).

**21. Button Up NH Workshop – Wed. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.** Doors open at 6:30pm. Rodgers Memorial Library – Community Room. Registration not required by encouraged. Contact [HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@HUDSONNH.GOV](mailto:HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@HUDSONNH.GOV)

- Debbie Putnam / Jake Keller to update SAC on this program. Message and docs received from Robbin Adams.
- This topic got a write up in the Hudson Times. See article in the packet (HT\_SAC\_Pumpkin\_But-up-wkshp\_Nov.pdf).

**22. Apparel Impact program.**

- Debbie Putnam to provide information and update for discussion with SAC.
- This topic got a write up in the Hudson Times. (See article in the packet: 2025 Apparel Impact information packet.pdf)

**23. The next meeting:** Next meeting October 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm

**24. Committee Member Comments:**

**25. Motion for Adjournment:**

Agenda and Packet prepared by Karl Huber, Chairman  
Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee

September 19, 2025