



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Advisory Committee

12 School Street.

Hudson, New Hampshire 03051

October 27, 2025 - Minutes

Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

Call to Order: at 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

! **Public Input: None**

" **Attendance:** Craig Putnam, Jake Keller, Ed Thompson (Secretary), Deb Putnam, Heidi Jacoby (Selectmen Liaison), Chris Thatcher, Karl Huber (Chairman). Kate Messner, Bob Larson, Allysa Hanley were absent. Craig Putnam seated as a full member.

Approval of Minutes: September 22, 2025 – Motion to approve by Deb Putnam, seconded by Jake Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

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Reports:

Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report: 21.56% for September (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.

% **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 Saturday - November 8 and November 29, 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.

https://www.hudsonnh.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/public_works/page/3411/2025_solid_waste_brochure-1.pdf

Hazardous Waste Collections:

Important: Public Service Announcement:

- **What: Household Hazardous Waste Collection**
- **When: Saturday November 8, 2025, 8:00 AM - Noon**
- **Where: Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua**
- **Who Can Attend: Residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham. Businesses must call NRPC to register and pay.**
- **Cost: \$20 fee per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons (liquids) or 20 pounds (solids). Cash or check accepted, carpooling with neighbors encouraged.**
- **No Latex/Acrylic Paint, No Electronics, No Medications**
For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570.

Budget Proposal for 2026-2027: A version of the SAC proposed 26-27 budget was discussed at the BOS Oct 21, 2025, meeting with Selectman Heidi Jakoby and Chairman Karl Huber present to answer questions during the presentation to the BOS.

There are items on this SAC agenda that are important items for discussion related to the '26-'27 budget.

Charter – Document released by Karl Huber, Chairman, for final discussion and approval by a quorum of members. Motion to approve by Craig Putnam, seconded by Ed Thompson. Motion passed unanimously. Document will be passed to the BOS.

! **Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund:** Debbie Putnam shared information about last year's efforts to get a Warrant Article approved for the March Ballot and the subsequent vote. Craig Punam suggested adding the words "These funds are only applicable to town owned buildings." Motion was made by Ed Thompson to accept, seconded by Craig Putnam. Motion passed unanimously. Total amount is \$25k. To be submitted to the BOS.

" **Composting Mgmt – Yard Waste**

Karl Huber has been working with Elvis Dhima and Jay Twardosky to get SAC more involved in this project. More discussion will need to take place.

Alvirne Sustainability Group

This topic should just be discussed and plan for further follow up.
Pumpkin Smash is one item of interest here.

An Alvirne HS student sent message to SAC to introduce us to a Capstone Project on Roadside Cleanup she is proposing to complete.

Karl Huber has communicated with this student (cc'g Heidi Jacoby and Jay Twardosky) as well as reaching out to Roy Sorenson for his input on this Capstone Project.
More discussion will need to take place.

! Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC)

Karl Huber sent email to Roy Sorenson and Jay Twardosky to get SAC more involved in this project.

SAC is considering one or two CRC per year.

More discussion will need to take place as this is an important SAC budget item.

" Pumpkin Smash event – Sat. Nov 8th from 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Debbie Putnam updated SAC on plans for this event (See document included in the packet).

Pumpkin Smash Ad for HCTV 2025 and Pumpkin Smash Flyer 2025 included in the packet).

Request for small wheel barrels or wagons to move pumpkins. Clean up station will be provided.

\$ Button Up NH Workshop – Wed. Nov 12th 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

Debbie Putnam / Jake Keller updated SAC on this program. Message and docs received from Robbin Adams.

Holiday Light Collection: Motion to table discussion by Craig Putnam, seconded by Deb Putnam. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting: Next meeting November 24, 2025, at 7:00 pm

! Committee Member Comments: Selectmen Laison Jacoby thanked the committee for their efforts, Deb Putnam reminded residents of Pumpkin Smash and Botton Up events.

" Motion for Adjournment: by Chris Thatcher, seconded by Craig Putnam, motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:22pm.

**Submitted by Edward Thompson, Secretary
Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee**

November 20, 2025