



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

### Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability    Dave Morin, Selectmen Liaison

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**August 31, 2020 – 7PM**

Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave, Hudson, NH 03051

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Attendance:** L. Kipnes and L. Bernard excused
3. **Public Input:** Any Hudson resident who wishes to submit public input can do so by emailing [HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@gmail.com](mailto:HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@gmail.com) by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting – Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to include your name & address with your public input.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** July 27, 2020 submitted by D. Putnam (included in Packet)
5. **Election of a new Secretary:** The BOS accepted the resignation of T. Wyatt from the Sustainability Committee. The new Secretary and the Chair will work together on the minutes of this meeting.
6. Report by D. Putnam regarding Town Administration's response to members motion to hold the August meeting totally via GoToMeeting was not approved. Members to refer to email sent by D. Putnam on August 6<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Presentation scheduled for the September 28<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Sustainability Committee: Freedom Energy Logistics, Mr. Gilbert Brown. Topic - Community Choice Aggregation
8. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report** (included in Packet): D. Putnam convey information supplied by the DPW regarding low percentage of recycling in June of 2020.
  - **Expenditure Report** (included in Packet): D. Putnam to advise balance available.
  - **Energy Conservation Report:** (included in Packet) Report compiled by L. Kipnes.
  - **Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle list** on Sustainability Committee pages on the Town website.
  - **Hudson Transfer Station is now open the SECOND and LAST Saturday of each month (8:00am-12:00pm) through November. Next two dates are Saturday, August 29 and September 12.** Pass Needed for 2020 – 3 free per year per household, one pass needed for each drop off. Passes may be picked up only at the DPW offices Monday through Thursday 6am – 4pm, 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
  - **Yard Waste, Metal items, and Cardboard can be brought to the Hudson Transfer Station Every Saturday April through the end of November 8:00am-12:00pm {No Pass Needed}**

- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:** Next collection is confirmed for **August 29, 2020**, at the **Milford Public Works Garage**, 289 South Street, Milford, NH  
User Fees = \$15 per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of hazardous waste.  
\*For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) or call 603-417-6570. Resident are invited to like and follow NashuaRPC on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

9. **Sustainability Committee home page on Town Website:** To access “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” information click on “Recycling Information.”
10. **E-mail to Committee:** Important email forwarded to members as received. Members can request that any particular email be added to an Agenda.
11. **Roadside Signs:** During the February meeting there was a motion by L Kipnes to purchase 25 eco-friendly two-sided signs designed by J Stone-Grimaldi for no more than \$225.00 including shipping that was seconded and passed unanimously. J Stone-Grimaldi to present a two-sided sign design/graphic for final approval. C. Chiquelin and J. Stone-Grimaldi to share information regarding current pricing and vendors.
12. **Roadside Cleanup:** The date of October 3<sup>rd</sup> was formally approved during the July meeting. Prior to the September meeting J. Stone-Grimaldi will design the customized section of each A-Frame Roadside Cleanup Sign. D. Putnam will arrange for the printing on larger legal sized paper. This must be completed prior to the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
13. **Conservation Commission:** A reminder to residents – A Cleanup of Rangers Drive Town Forest is scheduled for September 5 & 6 starting at 9am each day - hosted by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Volunteers are welcome to meet with members of both committees at the dead end of Rangers Drive on the Saturday morning and/or Sunday morning.
14. **Button Up NH – September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Flyer and Press Release (included in Packet)
15. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**
16. **Selection of Next Meeting Date:** As per prior vote – September 28, 2020
17. **Adjourned:** .

*Debbie Putnam*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair*

**8/27/2020**



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## Sustainability Committee Minutes - Draft



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**July 27, 2020 – 7PM**

Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Ave, Hudson, NH 03051

1. **Call to Order: 7:00pm by Debra Putnam**
2. **Attendance:** L. Bernard, L. Kipnes (Vice Chair), D. Putnam (Chair), T. Wyatt (Secretary) – Remote attendance by J. Stone-Grimaldi, R. Kahn, and C. Chiquelin
3. **Public Input:** No Public Input
4. **Approval of Minutes:** February 24, 2020: T. Wyatt -motion to approve minutes, seconded, no discussion, Roll call vote: Five Yes, L. Bernard No, J Stone-Grimaldi offline  
  
June 22, 2020: T. Wyatt-motion to approve minutes, seconded, no discussion, Roll call vote: Five Yes, L. Bernard No, J Stone-Grimaldi offline
5. **Reports:**
  - **Expenditure Report:** D. Putnam noted that there were no expenditures.
  - **Energy Matters:** L. Kipnes:  
**Button Up NH** – L. Kipnes explained format of the 1.5 hour online presentation. T. Wyatt -motion to designate date of September 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded, no discussion, Role Call Vote: 6 Yes, J. Stone-Grimaldi abstained  
  
**Portfolio Manager** - account created & data for Rodgers Library entered; other town buildings to follow  
**Webinars** – offered by Clean Energy NH, Clean Energy States Alliance, and Vote Solar organizations. Also matters related to Off Shore Wind energy generation.  
**Community Power** – Nashua and Laconia both doing studies.  
**Merrimack River** – Importance of management and protection of the River.
  - **Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle list on Sustainability Committee pages on the Town website. Update:** Batteries Plus Bulbs on Amherst St. in Nashua will accept Battery Backups for computers – No Charge for recycling.
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- **Yard Waste, Metal items, and Cardboard can be brought to the Hudson Transfer Station Every Saturday April through the end of November 8:00am-12:00pm {No Pass Needed}**
  - **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection:** D. Putnam presented all information related to the next collection -**August 1, 2020**, at the Nashua Public Works Garage, located at 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua. For additional questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Program, visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw) or call 603-417-6570. Resident are invited to like and follow NashuaRPC on Facebook and Twitter for updates.
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** T. Wyatt reported that Town is waiting on information from Pinard as to why the % of recyclables for June was so low. Expectation is that information will be provided to Hudson DPW such that a clarification will be available for the August meeting of the Sustainability Committee.
6. **Sustainability Committee home page on Town Website:** To access “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” information click on “Recycling Information.”
  7. **E-mail to Committee:** Important email forwarded to members as received. Possible goal for future to include a list of upcoming Webinars offered to the public on the committee’s pages.
  8. **Roadside Signs:** J. Stone-Grimaldi will create final drafts of front and back of the sign, coordinate with L. Bernard as to past signs, and with C. Chiquelin regarding fresh cost quotes. Final draft of sign (front and back) along with pricing and recommendations as to which company to place an order with to be presented for voting at the August meeting. Mr. Bernard expressed support of a two-sided sign. A graphic of the official town seal will be requested from the Town.
  9. **Roadside Cleanup:** T. Wyatt: motion to approve date of October 3<sup>rd</sup> (already approved by BOS, Police and DPW) seconded, Richard sought clarification on the Road involved – Wason Rd. D. Putnam reviewed all plans formerly agreed upon for the canceled April Roadside Cleanup. Six Yes, L. Bernard -Abstain
  10. **Conservation Commission:** D. Putnam to present information regarding Cleanup of Rangers Town Forest on September 5 & 6 starting at 9am each day - hosted by the Hudson Conservation Commission. Sustainability Committee to contribute trash bags, blue bags for recyclables, safety vests, grabbers. T. Wyatt submitted a motion to support the Conservation Commission Cleanup of Rangers Town Forest with supplies and manpower. Role Call Vote: Six Yes, 1 offline.
  11. **Election of Officers:**
    - D. Putnam nominated D. Putnam as Chair
    - L. Bernard nominated L. Bernard as Chair
    - Role Call vote: 6 for D. Putnam, 1 for L. Bernard
    - D. Putnam nominated L. Kipnes as Vice Chair/Pres.
    - Role Call vote: Unanimous for L. Kipnes
    - T. Wyatt nominated T. Wyatt as Secretary
    - Role Call vote: Unanimous for T. Wyatt
    - L Bernard inquired as to existence of another officer related to Website management. T. Wyatt noted that such a position was not included in the By-Laws. J. Stone-Grimaldi explained that the Town hosts the website pages for the Committee. There is no need for a member of the committee to hold an official post.

**12. Committee Member Comments:**

A motion was made, by L. Bernard, and seconded by J. Stone-Grimaldi to go to the on-line meeting format for the August meeting. There was discussion amongst members which lead to the Chair seeking approval from the Town Administration and informing the members of the outcome of that meeting.  
Role Call Vote: Unanimous Yes

L. Bernard entered a motion to name the person who seconds a motion in the minutes. Seconded by R. Kahn. D. Putnam explained the Robert's Rules of Order and the responsibilities of each committee as per formal email from Town Admin. office. Discussion followed. Role Call Vote: Yes – 3, Two – opposed, Two - abstained. Motion passed.

R. Kahn – Commented on the definitions of “Pre-consumer content” vs. “Post-consumer content”.  
Post-consumer content is preferred – better for the environment.

L. Kipnes – Disappointed in lack of participation in recycling, Button Up NH event on Sept 21, Webinar – “How to turn your lawn into a meadow” sponsored by Green America.

J. Stone-Grimaldi – Residents welcome email the committee to inquire about how to better recycle.

R. Kahn – Expressed possibility that people are not recycling because of fear of transmission of COVID.

T. Wyatt – Entered a motion to withdraw his name as Secretary. Motion not seconded.

D. Putnam – Shared ideas as to why the % of recycling was down for June. Looking ahead to Clean-up Rangers Town Forest Sept. 5 & 6 and the Roadside Cleanup on October 3.

**13. Adjourned:** L. Bernard entered a motion to Adjourn. Role Call Vote: Unanimous at 8:34pm.

*Debbie Putnam*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair*

**8/27/2020**

On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 9:23 AM Forrence, Jess <[jforrence@hudsonnh.gov](mailto:jforrence@hudsonnh.gov)> wrote:

Morning Debbie,

I talked to Tony Belanger from Pinard in July asking the same question - why is recycling down so much. Tony did some checking for the month of June and couldn't find anything other than it being a slow month.

I checked with Derry and Merrimack (each about the same size community) and found the month of June their recycling numbers were down between 11 to 18 % !

So, their numbers are in line with where we are and they each have mandatory recycling at their transfer stations!

Thanks

Jess Forrence  
Public Works Director  
[2 Constitution Dr](#)  
Tell #(603) 886-6018  
Fax # (603) 594-1143





May	June	FY 2021 Totals
		698.33
		215.19
0.00	0.00	913.52
#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	23.56%



**Energy Conservation Report submitted by L. Kipnes for review  
during the August 31, 2020 meeting:**

Linda is continuing work on entering data on town buildings into the Portfolio Manager.

Members are urged to register for the Local Energy Solutions (virtual) Conference, Oct 29-30

Everyone is invited to access a Webinar on electric school buses; good video at <https://youtu.be/mnvEhN47xJO>

- = Pilot projects for 1 electric school bus in several towns in MA
- = Expensive and infrastructure required but good results

Another webinar from Clean Energy NH on Offshore Wind; see their website for more info

- = ME, NH, MA working together to explore offshore wind in Gulf of Maine
- = ports, infrastructure, grid expansions necessary

There is a Webinar/facebook presentation by ReVision Energy on Community Solar Farms in Maine

- = Good information on their website [www.revisionenergy.com](http://www.revisionenergy.com)
- = New laws in Maine make community solar farms possible
- = No such enabling legislation in NH yet; need advocacy to make it happen

Committee members need to spread the word about Button Up NH presentation online on Sept 21.

There will be Presentations on Community Power Aggregation at our next 2 meetings:

Sept 28 & Oct. 26.

# Keeping Hudson GREEN and CLEAN

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## Hudson Sustainability Committee



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**For Immediate Release**

**For more information:** Call Robbin Adams at (603-536-5030), Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative, Plymouth, NH [robbin@plymouthenergy.org](mailto:robbin@plymouthenergy.org)

**NHSaves Virtual Button Up Workshop**  
**Presented by**  
**The Hudson Sustainability Committee**

Hudson: Button Up New Hampshire, the popular home energy savings workshop series is coming virtually to the Hudson Area. It will take place on Zoom with screen and audio over the internet, on Monday September 21st from 7:00-8:30pm including a live Q and A time. The workshop is hosted by the Hudson Sustainability Committee and the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce. It is sponsored by NHSaves and coordinated statewide by the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI).

NHSaves is a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities (Eversource, Liberty Utilities, NH Electric Cooperative and Unitil). The utilities are working together to provide NH customers with information, incentives, and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect the NH environment. PAREI of Plymouth, NH is working with local groups around the state to bring these workshops to the public on behalf of New Hampshire's utilities.

This NHSaves Button Up Workshop is a 1.5 hour presentation about how to improve the energy efficiency of your home. It is conducted by a certified energy auditor and covers basic building science principles as well as examples of whole house weatherization measures that will button up your home for the heating and cooling seasons. It also covers details about the energy efficiency programs offered by NH utilities (for existing homes and new construction) that provide energy audits, weatherization measures such as air sealing and insulating and rebates on new technologies and products such as electric and gas appliances and high efficiency electric heating/cooling equipment.

NH residents wishing to use energy more efficiently, conserve energy and save money on their heating and cooling bills, will find the workshop presentation very helpful. Please email [HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HUDSONSUSTAINABILITY@GMAIL.COM) for the digital Zoom link or questions regarding this Virtual Button Up.

Workshop organizers also recommend the public sign up with NHSaves Facebook and Twitter pages for up to date information on energy saving tips and programs.

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# Improve the energy efficiency of your home.

## FREE Home Energy Workshop



**NHsaves** Virtual Button Up Workshop is a 1½ hour presentation about improving the energy efficiency of your home. It covers energy saving tips and NHSaves energy efficiency programs. Learn about saving electricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from NH's energy utilities. New Hampshire residents that want to use energy wisely and save money will find the information very useful.

WHEN NEW HAMPSHIRE SAVES,



**PRESENTATION:**  
Join us for a **NHsaves** Virtual Button Up Workshop on **zoom** with live Q & A.

**WHEN:**  
Monday, Sept. 21, 2020, 7:00–8:30 P.M.

**PRESENTERS:**  
**Andy Duncan**, *Energy Training Manager, Lakes Region Community College*  
**Ted Stiles**, *BPI Building Analyst*

**FOR INFORMATION, EMAIL:**  
HudsonSustainability@gmail.com  
for digital zoom address and/or questions.

**SPONSORED BY:**  
NHsaves [www.nhsaves.com](http://www.nhsaves.com)

**LOCAL PARTNERS:**  
Hudson Sustainability Committee  
Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce

Visit [www.nhsaves.com/events](http://www.nhsaves.com/events) for dates and locations of all Button Ups.  
Workshops are organized by **Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative**, (PAREI)  
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The workshops are FREE thanks to funding provided by



# FREE zoom HOME ENERGY WORKSHOP

HUDSON



**Virtual Button Up Workshop with live Q & A.  
Monday, September 21, 2020, 7:00–8:30 P.M.**

**FOR INFORMATION, EMAIL:**

**HudsonSustainability@gmail.com**  
for digital zoom address and/or questions

Workshops are organized by Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative, (PAREI) [www.PlymouthEnergy.org](http://www.PlymouthEnergy.org)

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