



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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November 30, 2020 – 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Attendance: Jenn Stone- Grimaldi, Caitlin Chiquelin and Leo Bernard attended via GoToMeeting**
3. **Public Input: No Public Input**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** October 26, 2020 with edits to those in attendance and those approved as absent- Jenn Stone-Grimaldi and Caitlin Chiquelin. Unanimous accept with edits by all present or via Go-To-Meeting.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report** (included in Packet): D. Putnam
 - **Expenditure Report: No Expenditures in October.**
 - **Energy Conservation Report: L. Kipnes**
 - Light replacement project in town buildings
 - = Requested electric bills and will create priority list of which town buildings could benefit from replacement of light by LED.
 - = Preliminary proposal from LBEnergy (who did library project)
 - = Linda will proceed to work with entities to determine which building would benefit most.
 - Community Power
 - = Community Power NH, alternative to companies we interviewed
 - = see website www.communitypowernh.org
 - Clean Energy NH webinar: Explanation of offerings regarding Community Power Agreements to towns in NH. Exploring opportunities for the future for Hudson.
 - = **see links posted to Sustainability website**
 - = Caitlin supports Hudson moving forward with engaging in Community Power Aggregation.
 - = Dave Morin suggested that the committee develop a presentation to the BOS regarding the options available to benefit from Community Power Generation with minimal cost to the town. Possibly two options: 1. staff will be needed but cost savings will out way cost of extra staff
 - 2. a program where no town staff will be required and yet there will be significant savings to the residential owners.
 - = revive exploring solar on roofs of certain town buildings
 - Local Energy Solutions Conference
 - = workshops on energy policy, electric vehicles, NH Saves, and Community Power
 - = Linda explained the positive aspects of the information presented during the conference.

- **Residential Recycling and Solid Waste Services Guide, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle list** available via clickable links on Sustainability Committee home page on the Hudson Town website. = **Linda noted the importance of finding new homes for items that you are no longer using. Do not through by the side of the road. Find links on Sustainability Committee home page on how to find new homes for many items!**
 - **Hudson Transfer Station will be open on December 26th and January 30, 2021 (8:00am-12:00pm) Special Yard Waste Collection – Curbside - on Saturday, December 5th – must have Barrels and Biodegradable Leaf Bags at curbside by 7am on Dec. 5th. No container over 75 pounds in weight. Brush should be bundled with twine and no larger than 2 feet in diameter and 3 feet long. **2020 Transfer Station Pass Needed on December 26th – 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. The Transfer Station will NOT be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal and cardboard drop-offs until April 2021****
6. **Committee Home Page: Webinar Schedule** – Postings by J. Stone-Grimaldi. **Group Net Metering Links** –added to the Sustainability Committee home page. Linda noted changes to the Net Metering legislation. Links added - • [Clean Energy NH Metering Fact Sheet](#) • [Group Net Metering Update Slideshow](#)
 7. **Terracycle program** – For discussion in 2021. Members and public can familiarize themselves with the program by accessing <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades>. Terracycle offers Free Recycling Programs: These programs are free, national recycling solutions for typically hard-to-recycle waste streams. **Individuals can Join as many programs as you like to help reduce your impact on our planet. Caitlin noted that this program costs significant money for a municipality and thus, is not affordable for a Town based collection.**
 8. **“Bags for Benches”** – check with Hudson Lions Club and the two Hudson Facebook pages for groups collecting plastic bags for the making of plastic wood type benches.
 9. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments: Members all expressed wishes for a good Holidays. Recycle and be kind to the environment!**
 10. **Selection of Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2021 (subsequent to the meeting all committee meetings were suspended due to COVID)**
 11. **Adjourned: Unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:43pm.**

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

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