



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability Brett Gagnon, Selectmen Liaison

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Oct. 24, 2022– 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051
Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Attendance:**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Approval of Minutes: July 25, 2022, Sept. 8, 2022** (included in the Packet) by Debra Putnam
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet)
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are Saturday - October 29th, and November 12th (8:00am-12:00pm). The last two dates of the year will be November 26th and December 31!**

The Transfer Station is open each Saturday for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon **only through November 26**. It will be open again in April of 2023 on Saturdays for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon.

Through December 31 a 2022 Transfer Station Pass is Needed - 3 free per year per household, one pass needed for each drop off. Passes may be picked up at the DPW offices. DPW offices are open Monday – Thursday 6am – 4pm until Monday, December 5th. **On December 5 DPW offices will go to winter hours: 8am-4pm Monday-Friday** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections: Next event will be held in Nashua on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, 8:00am-12:00noon** At the Nashua City Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua. Residents of Hudson are welcome. No Latex paint, No Electronics, No Medications. Cost--\$15 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds. Cash and Checks accepted. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
8. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner to update members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Look for the HEAC blue rectangle on the Sustainability Committee home page on the Hudson Town website. The link will bring residents to pages of information about Electric Aggregation. The primary goal is to reduce electricity bills for homeowners and small businesses throughout Hudson. Craig and Kate will report on the “workshop” with the BOS that was held on October 4th. There will also be a report on information gathered at the recent Local Energy Solutions Conference in Manchester, NH.

9. **HEAC - Public Hearing -Tuesday, November 15, 2022 in Buxton Meeting Room:**
Members to fully discuss Promotional and operational plans. **Poster:** After review and edits of content and format of poster, vote on acceptance of the final version and the expenditure of funds for 8 laminated posters. (Draft emailed earlier and included in Packet). **Get Tech Smart:** Craig, Henry Herndon (consultant for CPCNH), and Selectman Gagnon will be interviewed by Flo Nicolas for her Get Tech Smart show on HCTV (and elsewhere) October 28, 2022. Kate will also attend to provide support.

10. **Warrant Article:** Vote to submit Warrant Article to the BOS for inclusion on the 2023 Ballot. This Fund was initiated by Linda Kipnes and it has already provided seed funding for at least two projects – DPW building – conversion to LED lighting and conversion of Town owned Street Lights to LED. The conversion of the streetlights is saving the residents over \$80,000/year in Electricity fees.
Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund Funding: Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 2020?

11. **Election of Officers:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups

12. **The next regular meeting** will be held on November 28th the Monday after Thanksgiving. Discuss and possibly vote on whether to have a meeting in December as normal date would be December 26th.

13. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**

14. **Adjourned:** .

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

October 20, 2022



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Sustainability Committee Minutes - Draft



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July 25, 2022– 7PM

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Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order: 7:10pm**
2. **Attendance:** Debra Putnam, Kate Messner, Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam(voting member for this meeting) Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi excused, Cory Boutin not present, Brett Gagnon excused.
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2022** Motion to accept by Ed Thompson, seconded by Kate Messner, vote unanimous to approve.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 23.02 % for June
 - **Expenditure Report:** Debra Putnam reviewed recent expenditures related to preparations for Old Home Days and future exhibits. New budget starting July 1, 2022.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are July 30 and August 13 (8:00am-12:00pm) 2022 Transfer Station Pass Needed** - 3 free per year per household, one pass needed for each drop off. Passes may be picked up only at the DPW offices. **DPW offices are open Monday – Thursday 6am – 4pm** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Transfer Station will be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon.
7. **Hazardous Waste Collections: Next event will be held in Nashua on Saturday, August 6, 2022, 8:00am-12:00noon** At the Nashua City Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua. Residents of Hudson are welcome. Cost--\$15 user fee per vehicle, additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds. Cash and Checks accepted. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit:
www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
8. **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson **Electric** Aggregation Committee. Presentation made to BOS on July 26th. Pages explaining the HEAC added to the Sustainability Committee web pages on the Hudson Town website. Progress to date shared by Craig and Kate - HEAC goal to reduce electricity bills for homeowners and small businesses. The name “Hudson Community Power” is now formally assigned and protected by law. “Hudson Community Power” would replace Eversource as the source of power on the electricity bills if Residents approve the specific Warrant Article on the

March Ballot. Residents are encouraged to view the HCTV recordings of Sustainability Committee meetings for the full depth of the discussions during each meeting.

9. **Banner for events:** Reviewed proposed design. Discussed design of the QR code. Funds for purchase already approved. Order placed by Debra with Staples so that Banner will be completed for use in time for Old Home Days. Craig made a motion to approve the design which Kate seconded and all present voted to approve.
10. **Clear Sign Display stands** – Portrait and Horizontal orientation (3 each) purchased for use at all events and in displays.
11. **Old Home Days August 11-14** – Event Hours: Thursday 5PM to 10PM, Friday 5PM to 11PM, Saturday Noon to 11PM Sunday Noon to 5PM. Set Up of exhibits starts at 2pm on Thursday. Then all vehicles must be removed from the exhibit areas by 3:30pm. Thursday Exhibit was manned 5-9pm, Wednesday 5-10pm, Saturday Noon to 10pm and Sunday Noon to 5:00pm immediately followed by Teardown& removal of Exhibit. Schedule for manning the exhibit (including set up and teardown) using Google Sign Up was released to members on July 13.
Raffle items –Three items purchased by the Chair per suggestions made by members during the June meeting. Items on display during meeting.
Seedling Planting activity to be on Sunday.70+ lettuce plants donated by Smith Farm will be ready for pick up on Aug. 12 or early Aug 13. Soil and peat pots left from EcoFest. Debra and Craig will bring various items for the exhibit during Set up on Thursday, Aug. 11. Members to bring outdoor/camp chairs. Debra to contact DPW regarding the delivery and pick up of one Pop-up tent and the loan, delivery and pick up of two tables.
12. **Election of Officers:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups. This action item Tabled - all members present agreed.
13. **Roadside Cleanup Policies and Procedures** document – Progress Review. Should there be a Fall Roadside Cleanup? This action item Tabled - all members present agreed.
14. **Use of foam food trays in schools, use of non-compostable ToGo containers by restaurants and Fast-food vendors** – Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi and Ed Thompson
This action item Tabled - all members present agreed.
15. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Debra and Craig will not be available to attend the August meeting. Kate noted that one of the winner of plants at EcoFest is a young girl who has now decided she is very interested in horticulture! Ed explained about his great experience visiting the Castle in the Clouds for the first time recently! The Gardens are spectacular, and the “Castle” has a very interesting history. Castle in the Clouds is now managed by the NH Conservation Commission. Debra invited residents to visit the Sustainability Committee exhibit at Old Home Days!
16. **Adjourned:** Motion to Adjourn made by Kate, seconded by Ed, then all members voted Aye.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

September 5, 2022



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Minutes



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Sept. 8, 2022 – 7PM

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1. **Call to Order: 7:00pm**
2. **Attendance: Debra Putnam, Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam**
Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi, Kate Messner, Cory Boutin and Brett Gagnon all excused.
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** No Quorum: Approval of July Minutes will be done during the October meeting.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** Recycling percentage reported in July and August were normal for Hudson.
 - **Expenditure Report:** New fiscal year. Balance reflects Old Home Days expenditures along with promotional items that can be used many times in the future.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates were the Saturday, Sept. 10th and then Sept. 24th (8:00am-12:00pm) 2022 Transfer Station Pass Needed** - 3 free per year per household, one pass needed for each drop off. Passes may be picked up only at the DPW offices. **DPW offices are open Monday – Thursday 6am – 4pm** 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Transfer Station is open each Saturday for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon.
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www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
There will only be one more Hazardous Waste Collection day on November 5, 2022.
8. **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Craig reviewed progress in regards to CPCNH and Community Power in general. A link was added to the Sustainability Committee home page on the Hudson Town website to inform residents and promote the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee – goal is to reduce electricity bills for homeowners and small businesses. The HEAC pages will be

updated as matters change and progress is made. The BOS had approved an adjustment to the Joint Powers Agreement to allow CPCNH to make necessary changes by approval of the Board Members at times other than the Annual Meeting. The next presentation to the BOS will be during a “Working Session” on October 4th. A notice will be posted on the Sustainability Committee Facebook page when the new HEAC pages are available. Residents will be encouraged to explore the new pages and the information they contain.

9. **Banner for events:** Those enjoying the Old Home Days event were able to see the new Banner.
10. **Clear Sign Display stands** – All were used to display information during Old Home Days. These stands will be for use during informational meetings/sessions hosted by the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee in the months before the March Town Elections.
11. **Old Home Days August 11-14** – The interest in the exhibit next to the Conservation Commission was moderate but we believe the helpful information presented and discussed was appreciated by attendees from Hudson and surrounding towns. The Sustainability Committee thanked the Conservation Commission for enabling the Sustainability Committee to have an exhibit! The Free Raffle was well received and all three winners were happy. Going by the ticket count the Solar Charger for cell phones was the most popular raffle item. Young children enjoyed “planting” their own lettuce plant, donated by Smith Farm, to take home! We hope this activity sparked an interest in gardening – children getting involved with raising vegetables at their home. Big Thank You to the DPW for transporting two popup tents, tables and chairs to the site and then back to storage!
12. **Election of Officers:** Postponed until the October 24 meeting due to lack of a quorum. Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, optional: “Project Leader” for Roadside Cleanups
13. **Roadside Cleanup Policies and Procedures** document –This item was moved to the October meeting.
14. **Use of foam food trays in schools, use of non-compostable ToGo containers by restaurants and Fast-food vendors** –This item was moved to the October meeting.
15. **The next regular meeting** will be held on October 24th. The expectation is that all members will be in attendance. Elections of Officers will be held. Important updates regarding the HEAC will be shared with residents.
16. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Debra noted that the Friends of the Library will be hosting two Book Donation days – Sept 24 and Oct 22 1-3pm in the Rodgers Memorial Library parking lot. Ed reviewed his experiences when staffing the exhibit during Old Home Days: In specific the interest in and resulting discussions about residential Solar options.
17. **Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Ed, seconded by Craig. All present voted Aye at approximately 7:28pm.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

October 18, 2022

Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
Sustainability Committee
 Town of Hudson, NH
 As Of: September 2022, GL Year 2023

Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
General Fund									
01-4199-5055-214-000	Sustainability Comm, News Ads								
	420.00	0.00	0.00	420.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	420.00	0.000
01-4199-5055-217-000	Sustainability Comm, Dues and Fees								
	70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.000
01-4199-5055-241-000	Sustainability Comm, Printing								
	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	143.09	0.00	156.91	47.697
01-4199-5055-252-000	Sustainability Comm, Prof. Services								
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.000
01-4199-5055-303-000	Sustainability Comm, Office Supplies								
	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.000
01-4199-5055-340-000	Sustainability Comm, Small Oper Matr								
	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.000
Total General Fund									
Selected Year	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	143.09	100.00	1,056.91	18.699
Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
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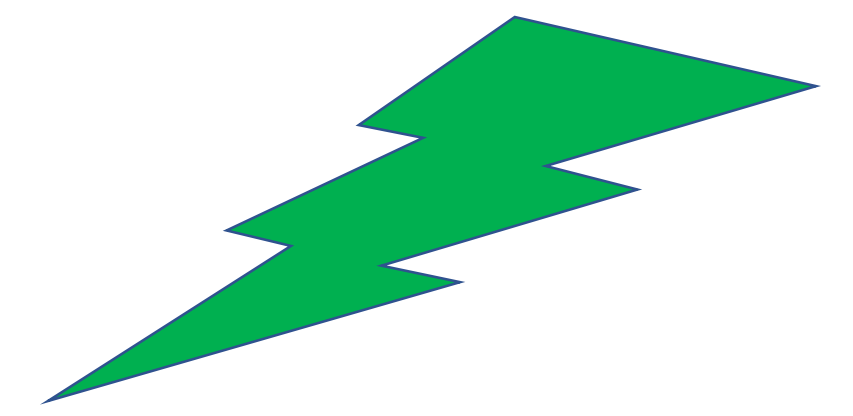
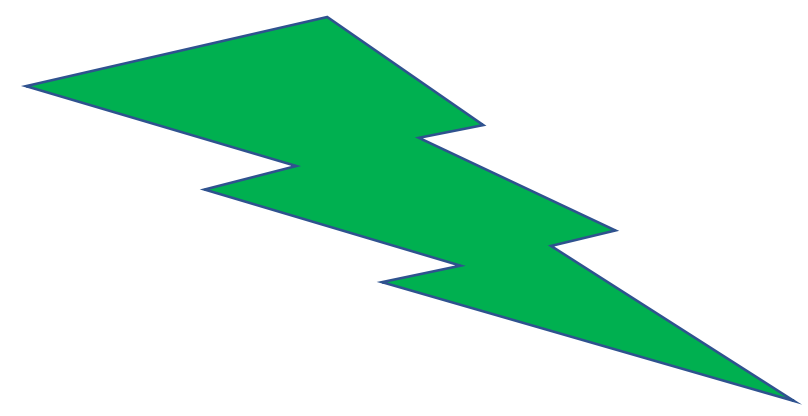
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Sustainability Committee
Town of Hudson, NH
As Of: September 2022, GL Year 2023

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Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
Selected Year	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	143.09	100.00	1,056.91	18.699
Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
Grand Total	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	143.09	100.00	1,056.91	18.699

Are you concerned about your electric bill?



Learn more about how
Hudson Community Power
will be able to **save you money** over what
you are paying with Eversource

**Public Hearing on Tuesday,
Nov. 15 @ 7pm in the
Buxton Meeting Room**

Get more information at the
Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee
web site [https://www.hudsonnh.gov/bc-
sc/page/heac](https://www.hudsonnh.gov/bc-sc/page/heac)

or use the QR code below

