



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability Brett Gagnon, Selectmen Liaison

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February 28, 2022– 7PM

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

Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. Call to Order:

2. Attendance: Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi excused

3. Public Input:

4. Approval of Minutes: November 22, 2021

5. Reports:

- **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) - D. Putnam
- **Expenditure Report: October** - Expenditure Report (included in the Packet) - D. Putnam
- **Energy Report:** Review and Discussion of presentation to BOS on Nov. 23 by C. Putnam and K. Messner. Craig Putnam and Kate Messner to update members on all matters connected with the Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee. (see Minutes of two meetings included in Packet). EV School Buses for the future – update by Craig Putnam

6. Hudson Transfer Station: The next two upcoming dates are March 26 and April 9 (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 Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm through the end of March. Starting April 1 the office is open Monday through Thursday 6am – 4pm, 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Transfer Station will be open each Saturday for yard waste, metal and cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon starting in April!

7. Hazardous Waste Collections: Next event will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00AM-12:00PM 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. For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <https://www.nashuarpc.org/energy-environmental-planning/household-hazardous-waste/>

8. Roadside Cleanups – Updates by Sarah Repeta regarding proposed guidelines for a smoother, less complicated process for approval of Roadside Cleanups officially sponsored by the Sustainability Committee. Debra Putnam will share recent communications on Hudson Residents Facebook pages and new participants on the Hudson Sustainability Committee Facebook page. There is renewed interest amongst some residents in organizing Roadside Cleanups in their neighborhoods and along specific stretches of certain roads in Hudson. One resident posted a request that Pelham Road be a focus road for a Cleanup. The Sustainability Committee is ready and willing to supply residents with black trash bags and

blue bags for recyclables and coordinate with the Hudson DPW when residents organize a Roadside Cleanup. Question for the Committee – Do we organize a second attempt at a Cleanup along Wason Rd? Debra Putnam will explain to new members the process followed in 2020 and the support received from the DPW and Hudson Police Department in working along more of Wason Rd. in the future. Due to the serious safety issues along Wason Rd. such a Roadside Cleanup will require new firm commitments from the DPW and the Hudson Police Department before seeking approval from the Board of Selectmen. Such a process would need to be started about 8 weeks before the date voted on by the committee to allow time for all approvals and then advertising the need for residents to volunteer to help.

- 9. **Recycling of plastic bags and Pill Bottles:** Updates by Debra Putnam based on current information. Basically, this is a “work in progress”.
- 10. **Styrofoam Recycling:** Discussion for future meetings carried over from the November 2021 meeting. (Article included in Packet)
- 11. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**
- 12. **Adjourned:** .

Debbie Putnam
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

February 24, 2022

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Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity
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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	85.96	0.00	214.04	28.653
01-4199-5055-303-000	Sustainability Comm, Office Supplies								
	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	9.55	0.00	50.45	15.917
01-4199-5055-340-000	Sustainability Comm, Small Oper Matr								
	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	22.94	0.00	427.06	5.098
Total General Fund									
Selected Year	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	118.45	0.00	1,181.55	9.112
Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
Sort Total	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	118.45	0.00	1,181.55	9.112

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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	118.45	0.00	1,181.55	9.112

Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee (HEAC) Meeting minutes for 1/18/22

Members Present: Craig Putnam (chair), Kate Messner, Debra Putnam
Guests: Nathan Bridges(?) (epsilon02012@gmail.com)

All attendees were connected via Zoom.

Agenda

The Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee (HEAC) has been trying to recruit additional members. The main purpose of this meeting was to educate Nathan about Community Power Aggregation in general, and more specifically, what the EAC is doing in Hudson, what we are looking for in terms of new members, and the timeline we are working to.

A PPT slide deck was developed for the meeting and will be available for viewing by Hudson residents on the Hudson Sustainability web page.

Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee (HEAC) Meeting Minutes for 2/15/22

Location: Children's Programming Room
Rogers Memorial Library, Hudson, NH 03051 (and via Zoom)

Time: 7pm - 8:30pm

Started @ 7:10

Committee Members in Attendance:

Member	present/virtual
Craig Putnam	
Kate Messner	

Non-voting Advisory Members:

Debra Putnam	
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Guests:

- None

Agenda:

1. Welcome any guests attending
 - a. None
2. Approve minutes of 1/18/22 meeting
 - a. Approved with minor edits
3. Review current status of draft EAP; discuss/update plans for the future
 - a. Lengthy discussion and quick review of the EAP document
4. Review current status of HEAC recruiting efforts; discuss/update plans for the future
 - a. Nathan has deferred for the moment
 - b. Discussed some possible companies to approach
5. Review current status of Hudson's involvement in CPCNH; discuss/update plans for the future
 - a. Postponed discussion of this item due to lack of time
6. New business
 - a. None
7. Adjourn
 - a. Done at 8:29pm



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Minutes



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November 22, 2021 – 7PM

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Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00pm
2. **Attendance:** Brett Gagnon (Selectmen Liaison), Kate Messner, Debra Putnam, Sarah Repeta, Ed Thompson, and Craig Putnam. Jennifer Stone-Grimaldi excused.
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept made by Craig Putnam, Seconded by Kate Messner. October 25, 2021 minutes approved by unanimous vote.
5. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** The percentage of total tonnage that is recyclables continues to be about 23%
 - **Expenditure Report: October** – No Expenditures
 - **Energy Report:** Craig Putnam explained what would be presented to the BOS during their meeting the following night – Nov. 23rd. The goals included seeking approval from the BOS regarding the recognition of a Hudson Energy Aggregation Committee, designating a “Director” of that sub-committee and an Alternate for same sub-committee. This is all in connection with the Town of Hudson becoming a member of CPCNH as approved by the BOS and to abide by applicable RSA legislation. Craig Putnam and Kate Messner will report to the Sustainability Committee during the first meeting of our committee in 2022.

Craig updated the committee on discussions and meeting regarding the conversion of some School Buses to EV Buses. There is interest across multiple towns on School Bus Electrification. Selectmen Liaison Gagnon shared facts and information about the option of having EV Police Vehicles in the Hudson Police fleet. There was much discussion about ideas for the future of EV School buses becoming a reality. The concept of looking to the NRPC for assistance and perhaps to take the lead was presented by Selectman Gagnon.

Selectman Gagnon explained about the availability of increasing communication with residents about the goals of the new sub-committee – HEAC through “Hudson Happenings” and “Working Together for Hudson” both HCTV programs.
6. **Hudson Transfer Station:** The next two upcoming dates are November 27 and December 18 (8:00am-12:00pm) 2021 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 Monday through Thursday 6am – 4pm, 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. December 18th is the last date the Transfer Station will be open. The Transfer Station will not be open between November 27 and December 18 on Saturdays for yard waste, metal and cardboard!

7. **Curbside Yard Waste Collection: Saturday, December 4.** Have all leaves in Bio-degradable Leaf Bags. Brush should be bundled with twine and no larger than 2 feet in diameter and 3 feet long. Put all at the curb in front of your home BY 7:00am. Do not go by when your trash or recycling is normally picked up.
8. **Roadside Cleanups** – Sarah Repeta is continuing research on a smoother and simpler process for gaining approval for Roadside Cleanups on “low traffic/neighborhood” roads. Sarah researched the road designations around the town – type of road and who is responsible – Town or State.
9. **Contract for Trash and Recycling 2022–Renewal with Pinard Waste Systems.**
Debra Putnam updated members and residents as to discussions with Jess Forrence (Hudson DPW) and Tony Belanger (Pinard). Recycle Right chart explained.
Don’t go solely by whether an item has a triangle!
Plastic and Glass Bottles, Jars, Tubs, Jugs – if it did NOT come with a lid or cap --- ITS TRASH.
Electronics of any type are E-Waste – Must be handled properly – Electronics Recycling events hosted in Town of Hudson regularly by the Scouts and Rotary.
NO Plastic Bags in the Blue Bin!– drop off clean bags for Hudson Lions Club (update to be explained at the first meeting in 2022)
Kate Messner and Ed Thompson both contributed to the discussion regarding how to deal with specific items.
10. **FREE Radon Testing kits:** NH Radon Program is offering free test kits to NH residents. Simply visit the website, <https://aelabs.com/nh>, to order and one will be sent to you with instructions on how to perform the test and a postage paid return envelope. Once the test is complete, please mail it back and allow 2 weeks to receive your test results.
11. **Styrofoam Recycling:** Kate Messner provided info as to a collection event in another NH town. This is a discussion for future meetings as to whether to host a Styrofoam Recycling event in fall of 2022.
12. **December Meeting:** Sarah Repeta made a motion, Ed Thompson seconded. Then by unanimous vote of members there will be NO meeting in December. The next meeting will be the fourth Monday in January.
13. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Ed Thompson explained his attendance in the Residents Police Academy and highly recommends residents signing up for future sessions. Ed explained the serious increase of accidents in Hudson and on major roads like Rte. 3. Please Slow Down!
Brett Gagnon thanked the committee for their hard work on CPCNH and EV School Buses, and wishes all a Happy Holidays – Be Safe. Brett explained about the upgrades and cleanup of the Coburn Town Forest and encouraged residents to enjoy all of the conservation properties -Town Forests. Debra Putnam thanked residents for watching meetings and expressed hope that the committee has provided helpful information. Both Debra and Ed expressed concern about the distracted driving along with speeding within Hudson – endangering lives and noted that in some instances lives are being lost!
14. **Adjourned:** Ed entered a motion to adjourn with Kate seconding, no discussion, vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Debbie Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

February 24, 2022

From: Cindy Heath <cheath58@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 3:54 PM
To: hudsonsustainability@gmail.com; lou foamcycle.com <lou@foamcycle.com>
Subject: Polystyrene Recycling

Hello Debby,

Bravo for taking the initiative on this!

If you want to learn more about the big picture on foam recycling, start by talking to [Lou at Foam Cycle \(copied\)](#). He is a wealth of information on the subject and developed the collection unit that can be placed in any location and can be operated with minimal training, and includes a densifier. Lou can also tell you about the resale opportunities for the ingots.

Lou, Debby is the Chair of the Hudson Sustainability Committee and has a good working relationship with both the DPW and SWM staff in Hudson. They appear to be particularly interested in ROI at this stage.

And here is the [EPS Industry Alliance](#) (manufacturers) website. Good info as well.

[Also Foam Recycling Coalition](#) (possible equipment grants).

To contact another municipality that has a Polystyrene Recycling Facility in place:
<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-utilities/solid-hazardous-waste/drop-off-centers-facilities>

If you plan to deliver the raw material directly to a collection facility in Massachusetts (there are non in northern NE), investigate these two outfits and ask what their rates currently are for drop off.

[Gold Circuit](#), Palmer MA (I found this by googling)
[Save That Stuff](#), Charlestown, MA (referred to me by NRRA)

We advertised in local papers, radio, TV, social media, listservs ([sample press release from Lebanon, NH](#)). I think we only advertised about 2-3 weeks in advance.

We followed up with a request to large businesses to share the Save That Foam message with their employees:

Save That Styrofoam for the Next Polystyrene Collection Day in Lebanon

Did you know that polystyrene foam (typically referred to as styrofoam) is one of the few plastics that can be recycled again and again? Even with this feature, it's a good idea to avoid polystyrene if we can, especially in food packaging like meat trays and take out containers, because of its chemical content. If you want to have less polystyrene in your life, you can start by asking for a non-styrofoam take-out container at your favorite restaurant or deli by suggesting alternatives like foil or deli paper. Better yet bring your own personal take-out container with you!

But what about the polystyrene that fragile products are packaged in? There's now a solution! Sustainable Lebanon has partnered with the Lebanon Rotary Club to offer a polystyrene collection days in 2022, and the dates are TBA. In the meantime, save your foam!

All types of foam will be collected for recycling. Polystyrene #6, #4, and #6 XPS insulation board foam will be driven to a recycling facility in Palmer, MA. This includes packaging foam used for TVs, computers, and other appliances, as well as foam coolers. All other foams, including clean food containers, egg cartons, cups, and packing peanuts will be recycled or reused by other organizations. Make sure all tape and labels are removed and all foam is clean, dry, and free of food residue or other debris.

Resource: [Polystyrene Fact Sheet](#) (California), [Polystyrene Fact Sheet](#) (Sierra Club)

Hope this helps and please keep me posted on your progress!

Cindy

www.cindyheath.com

"What comes from the heart, reaches the heart."

-Rev. Charles Hodges

(adapted from poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge)