TOWN OF HUDSON Sustainability Committee Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability & Bob Guessferd, Selectmen Liaison

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August 21, 2023– 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. HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner will update members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Considerable progress continues to be made.
- 5. Approval of Minutes: July 24, 2023, Minutes Ed Thompson (included in the Packet)
- 6. Reports:
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) July 21.15% lower than same time last year.
 - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) July 2023 \$1300.00. That balance does not reflect one reimbursement that has been processed for \$104.99- Staples printing fees. There is one filing for the sidewalk chalk to be submitted and processed totaling- \$20.11
- 7. Hudson Transfer Station: It is open two Saturdays each month with the next two Saturdays being: August 26 and September 9 8:00am-12:00noon 2023 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station is now open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon on Saturdays No Pass required! DPW offices summer hours are 6am-4pm Monday-Thursday 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.

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 Hazardous Waste Collections: The schedule has resumed for 2023. The next two dates are Saturday, August 26, 2023, 8:00AM-12:00PM, at Pelham Highway Department, 33 Newcomb Field Parkway, Pelham and Saturday, October 7, 2023, 8:00AM-12:00PM, 25 Crown Street, Nashua

Cost--\$15 user fee per vehicle (cash or check), additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds. Carpooling encouraged!

For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: www.nashuarpc.org/energy___environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php 9. National Night Out: August 1, at the Rodgers Memorial Library – 4:30-8:00 pm the

Sustainability Committee had an exhibit focused on giving residents an opportunity to learn more about Community Power. Two AFrame Signs were set up along with a popup tent, a variety of informational materials, along with free sidewalk chalk for children. Kate, Ed, Craig and Debbie were present and will fill in residents regarding the response to the exhibit during this meeting.

10. Clean Energy NH: Municipal Membership – Informational document and Invoice included in Packet. This matter will require a formal vote. **Information from CENH:**

A few things to note that are included in the document, that are available to you once you are a member:

Two (2) complimentary tickets to the <u>2023 Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference</u> (members receive a special promo code) on Thursday, November 2. There will be 9 sessions - 1 regarding community power and the last session will be on the IRA/BIL funding coming to the state.

Access to our <u>Energy Circuit Riders (ECR)</u> for more in-depth knowledge and resources. There is not one currently serving your region, however, our other ECRs can assist with answering questions, providing resources, etc. in the interim. Growing the ECR program is one of our strategic focuses, especially as the federal funding is headed to states for communities to meet their clean energy and energy efficiency goals.

Committee members would have access to the <u>members-only online resource portal</u> in which they can find information available to our member community. We are currently working on creating a funding spreadsheet of the opportunities coming to the Granite State, so groups like yours can plan projects and finance them accordingly.

Access to our policy updates during the legislative session (January - June). Similar to above, all of your members would receive the policy newsletters that are sent out, and one committee member may choose to take part in the policy calls, held weekly.

11. Information gathered by Chris Thatcher (see Addendum 1 included in Packet for June meeting). Information shared by Jay Twardosky, DPW Director (see Addendum 2 included in Packet for June meeting). Information was presented and possible actions were discussed for assisting the Town in "moving forward" with new/expanded recycling programs.
>Composting was another topic that Mr. Thatcher was looking in to and Chairman Putnam explained some of the regulations that must be followed.

>The transfer station has several projects being looked at including a Styrofoam processing machine.

>Most recently the concept of keeping more items made of cloth out of the trash stream came up. Diverting cloth items that are at "end of life" from ending up in Trash Bins will result in significant savings for the residents through the reduction in the Trash Processing bill from Pinard Waste Management.

>These ideas and more will be discussed over the course of multiple meetings.

12. The next meeting – September 25, 2023 (Normal fourth Monday of the month).

13. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

14. Adjournment:

Debra Putnam Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair

August 18, 2023



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes



Edward Thompson, Secretary - Sustainability Committee

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- 1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.
- **2.** Attendance: Kate Messner, Craig Putnam (seated as full member), Ed Thompson, Bob Guessford (Selectmen Laison) and Chairman Deb Putnam.
- 3. Public Input: None
- 4. HEAC Report: Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Considerable progress has been made. New rates starting Aug 1st have been released, Eversource will be 12.58 cents/kwh. (See attached rate sheet page 4) Other municipalities have provided feedback. Still trying to get data back. The agreement document still needs to be submitted after approval by the Board of Selectmen. The committee had a booth at the British Car Show at Alvirne HS this past weekend. Mr. Guessford asked if the redlines are clearly identified in the agreement for the BOS. Mr. Putnam explained there are only corrections to the "tense" of certain statements. To be presented the following night to the BOS.
- **5.** Approval of Minutes: June 19, 2023, Minutes Ed Thompson (included in the Packet) Motion to approve by Ms. Messner. Seconded by Mr. Putnam. Minutes approved unanimously.
- 6. Reports:
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) June 23.86% Fiscal year end average 23.63% (prior year average 23.15%)
 - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) Balance is \$76.82, new budget started July 1. The \$76.82 was added to the General Fund.
- 7. Hudson Transfer Station: It is open two Saturdays each month with the next two Saturdays being: July 29 and August 12 8:00am-12:00noon 2023 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station is now open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon on Saturdays No Pass required! DPW offices summer hours are 6am-4pm Monday-Thursday @ 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson to pick up passes.

- 8. Hazardous Waste Collections: The schedule has resumed for 2023. The next two dates are Saturday, August 5, 2023, 8:00AM-12:00PM at 25 Crown Street, Nashua and Saturday, August 26, 2023, 8:00AM-12:00PM, at Pelham Highway Department, 33 Newcomb Field Parkway, Pelham. Cost--\$15 user fee per vehicle (cash or check), additional charges for quantities exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds. Carpooling encouraged! For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: www.nashuarpc.org/energy environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
- 9. National Night Out: August 1, Tuesday night at the Rodgers Memorial Library 4:30-8:00 pm the Sustainability Committee will have an exhibit focused on giving residents an opportunity to learn more about Community Power. Check-in is at 3:30pm with all set up being completed by 4:00pm (vehicles used to drop off items for exhibit to be moved to Alvirne Parking Lot). The HEAC moved ahead in designing and having printed 200 4" X 6" handouts on card stock and two 24"X36" posters to be displayed on A-Frame sign holders. The reason that 200 were printed (with an additional 100 printed by Chris Thatcher) is so the handouts can be used at a variety of events and put out in locations such as the Town Hall and Senior Center for residents to pick up and learn from. The HEAC had a tent set up at the British Car Show this past Saturday in the Alvirne parking lot. Craig and Karl briefed members on the response to the exhibit at that event. (PDFs of both the handout front and back and the poster/sign were included in the Packet for this meeting.)

Motion was made by Mr. Putnam to expend up to \$100 to purchase large quantity of sidewalk chalk to give away at the event. Seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

- **10. Old Home Days**: As per the consensus reached at the June meeting, the Sustainability Committee will not host an exhibit. Subsequent to that meeting Debra communicated with Bill Collins of the Conservation Commission. The Commission will not be hosting an exhibit for the same reason – lack of members to man the exhibit at the level required by Old Home Days protocols. In discussions with Bill Collins and the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce the Chair extended an invitation to the Conservation Commission and the Chamber to give the Sustainability Committee 50 copies of the Member Directory to put out on the display table at the National Night Out on August 1.
- 11. Information gathered by Chris Thatcher this topic was deferred until the next meeting. Reference: (see Addendum 1 included in Packet for June meeting). Information shared by Jay Twardosky, DPW Director (see Addendum 2 included in Packet for June meeting). Information was presented and possible actions were discussed for assisting the Town in "moving forward" with new/expanded recycling programs. Composting was another topic that Mr. Thatcher was looking in to and Chairman Putnam explained some of the regulations that must be followed. The transfer station has several projects being looked at including a Styrofoam processing machine. These ideas will be further discussed over the course of multiple meetings.
- **12. The next meeting** Motion made by Mr. Thompson to move meeting to Aug 21, Second by Mr. Putnam. Motion passed unanimously.
- **13. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Comments regarding the booth at the British Car Show. A large number of cars were displayed with members manning the booth to answer any questions regarding HEAC. Mr. Putnam discussed that we'd like to get the current power rates from two other brokers that we don't have today's data for.

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Putnam.

Motion passed unanimously.

Edward Thompson Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary July 24, 2023

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Trash Tons	646.85												646.85
Recycling Tons	173.48												173.48
Total Tons	820.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	820.33
Recycling Percentage	21.15%	#DIV/0!	21.15%										

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Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity Sustainability Committee Town of Hudson, NH As Of: July 2023, GL Year 2024

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Account Number		Prior Year	Budget & PY					Balance	
	Budget	Encumbered	Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Available	%Used
General Fund									
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Selected Year	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.000
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	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.000



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Membership with Clean Energy NH is the best way to advance a clean energy economy in New Hampshire.

Clean Energy NH is dedicated to empowering New Hampshire cities and towns so they may enrich their communities with the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Memberships are valid until one year after receipt of dues. Renewal reminders are sent via e-mail.

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- Member-exclusive webpage dedicated to important updates and information relevant to members
- Neutral expertise, technical assistance, training for energy project execution:
 - Incorporating energy considerations into zoning, ordinances, and master plans;
 - Energy benchmarking with Portfolio Manager;
 - Energy efficiency incentives and financing for new construction, building retrofits, LED streetlight conversions, etc. (NHSaves);
 - Guidance on Group Net Metering, Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), and other renewable energy procurement models for solar, biomass, hydro-electric power, etc.;
 - Training in Solarize/Weatherize public outreach campaigns;
 - Electric Vehicle (EV) fleet and charging infrastructure deployment;
 - Personalized technical assistance for energy projects.
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 - Empowering municipalities and energy committees with a voice in state energy policy issues.
- Access to members-only regulatory and legislative email newsletters
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- Access to expert advocacy and policy support on energy policy questions
- Invitation to CENH members-only webinars and events
- Invitations and discounts to member networking events throughout the year
- Listing as a valued member in our annual reports
- Two (2) complimentary registrations to the annual Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference
- Window cling to display commitment to clean energy in New Hampshire
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- Free CENH Sticker

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Town of Hudson

		Municipal Membership
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THANK YOU.

DUE DATE