



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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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** at 7:00pm
2. **Attendance:** Christ Thatcher, Craig Putnam (seated as full-time member), Ed Thompson, Deb Putnam. Absent: Kate Mesner, Selectman Laison Bob Guessford.
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 continues to be made. Three potential partners are still being considered and working on packet for upcoming BOS meeting scheduled for October 3rd. Two companies have been contacted for consideration. Plan has been finalized with updates and submitted to the PUC. Should hear back by September 27th. The booth at the National Night Out was a big success. Lots of good input, questions, and comments from residents.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** July 24, 2023, Minutes – Ed Thompson – (included in the Packet) Motion to approve by Craig Putnam, seconded by – Chris Thatcher Motion, passed unanimously.
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) July 21. This is 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.

- 8. 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 A-Frame 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 (2X \$85.00 each = \$170.00) to the [2023 Local Energy Solutions \(LES\) Conference](#) (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 [Energy Circuit Riders \(ECR\)](#) 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 [members-only online resource portal](#) 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 ours 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.

Motion to join at \$250.00/yr by Chris Thatcher, Seconded by Craig Putnam. Motion passed unanimously.

- 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.

Tabled discussion on this topic until next meeting.

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

13. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments: None by members

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Craig Putnam, seconded by Chris Thatcher. Motion passed unanimously.

Edward Thompson

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

August 22, 2023