



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes



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October 23, 2023 – 7PM
Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Debra Putnam, Craig Putnam, Chris Thatcher, Ed Thompson and Bob Guessferd – Selectmen Liaison
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam and Kate Messner updated members on all matters connected with the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. The BOS voted to move forward with Hudson Community Power. The vote as to whether to accept the recommendation of the HEAC to choose CPCNH as the provider will take place tomorrow evening – October 24, 2024.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** September 25, 2023, Minutes – Craig made the motion to approve, seconded by Kate, no discussion, Approved with one abstention by Ed Thompson.
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 21.55% September. There is historical data included in each Report. Sustainability Committee continues to promote recycling. How do we motivate more residents to recycle. Chri Thatcher explained the activities the Tyngsborough Sustainability Committee is involved in. Debbie explained what the committee was involved in in the past in efforts to educate the residents.
 - **Expenditure Report:** No additional expenditures in September. The dollar allocations in the Expenditure Report were updated for **FY25**.
7. **Hudson Transfer Station: It is open two Saturdays each month with the next two Saturdays being: Saturday October 28 and November 11 - 8:00am-12:00noon – 2023 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon on Saturdays – No Pass required! DPW offices are still on the summer hours schedule: 6am-4pm Monday-Thursday until the first weekend in December. 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.** Debbie explained the expressed wish by many residents to have access to more Transfer Station passes....and more locations to have additional pick-up locations. Mr. Guessferd explained that discussions are already underway with the DPW regarding possible changes/improvements for the future.

- 8. Hazardous Waste Collections:** The **last** collection for the calendar year will be **Saturday, November 4, 2023** 8:00AM-12:00PM, new location: 9 Stadium Dr., Nashua, NH
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. Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund:**
Extensive discussion involving all members and the Selectmen Liaison resulted a vote to not put forward the following text as a Warrant.
Article on the March 2024 Ballot:
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

Motion to NOT put forward a Warrant Article was made by Chris Thatcher, seconded by Craig Putnam, No discussion, Unanimous decision.

The Committee will need to discuss and decide whether to go forward with a Warrant Article for 2025 in the summer of 2024.
- 10. Roadside Cleanups:** Focus of discussions was on hosting a Roadside Cleanup in spring of 2024. Multiple members contributed ideas with the consensus reached that plans for a future Roadside Cleanup and Thank You party can be worked out over the winter. Ideas shared included reaching out to Alvirne student groups/clubs/organization as well as the Scout groups in Hudson. Possible goal of coordinating across multiple groups to focus on one or two Saturdays.
- 11. Reducing the volume and types of items entering the Waste Stream:**
Chris explained the concept of hosting a Holiday Lights collection program. Support and involvement for Scout groups in Hudson would be of great help in what would hopefully be the success of this first Holiday Lights recycling event in Hudson. Mr. Guessferd noted that unfortunately residents have in the past brought trees on a Saturday morning to the Transfer Station with strings of lights still on the branches. Chris noted that Lowes and Home Depot have, in the past, accepted broken/non-working strings of lights around the holidays as one type of recycling that they offer.
- 12. Management of the Sustainability Committee Facebook page:** Chris offered to use his skills to make the committee's Facebook page more effective.
- 13. The next meeting** – After discussion and checking the Town Calendar - Ed made a motion to move the November meeting to one week earlier - November 20, 2023. Kate seconded the motion, no discussion, unanimous approval.
- 14. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments: none**
- 15. Adjournment:** motion to adjourn made by Chris and seconded by Craig, no discussion, unanimously approved – 7:51pm

Debra Putnam

Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair November 16, 2023