



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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January 22, 2024 – 7PM Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order** at 7:02pm by Chairman Debra Putnam.
2. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Chris Thatcher, Craig Putnam, Ed Thompson, Karl Huber, Selectman Liaison Bob Guessferd, Chairman Debra Putnam.
3. **Public Input:** Lisa Weber – composting
4. **Approval of Minutes:** November 20, 2023, Minutes. Motion to approve by C. Putnam, seconded by B. Guessferd. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Holiday Lights Collection:** The Holiday Lights Collection was a big success. Over 240lbs. of broken strings of holiday lights were collected and were properly recycled. Thanks to Troop 20 besides collecting Christmas trees, they also helped retrieve lights. Collection Boxes were set at the Town Hall, the Rodgers Memorial Library, and the Community Building at Shepard's Hill.
6. **Composting:** Black Earth Company (Gene Grove) and the Tyngsboro Sustainability Committee's launch on Jan. 16 of a Composting option for Tyngsboro residents. (Materials were included in Packet from Black Earth). Chairman Putnam suggested inviting rep from Black Earth to present at a future meeting (Feb or March). B. Guessferd asked that we keep in mind that we reach out to other companies that do this type of work and be sure we get the schools in Hudson involved with the effort. C. Thatcher said he had contacted a few other companies, but they had not gotten back. The suggestion was made to start a Composting sub-committee. C. Putnam motioned to form the sub-committee, seconded by C. Thatcher. Motion passed unanimously. Companies would be invited after the subcommittee is formed. Resident Lisa Weber, 3 Hillandale Dr. spoke to the committee and shared her new experience with a composting company (Grow Nashua).
7. **Future of Recycling in Hudson** – K. Messner to visit Walpole Recycling and report back. Chairman Putnam was in contact with Tony Belanger of Pinard-Casella and learned that reversing/removing recycling program would be a big mistake considering that NH legislature is moving towards passing laws preventing comingling trash with recyclables.
8. **Solar Farm Options for the Town of Hudson:** Discussion around the warrant article on the ballot as well as what options are available with CPCPNH in the future. B. Guessferd commented that there was not much we could do until the article is voted on. Alex Woodyard explained why the landfill is unique for being able to fly at higher altitudes and that other buildings in town could be options for installing solar panels.

9. **HEAC Report:** Craig Putnam updated members on the Hudson Electric Aggregation Committee. Most important news is the upcoming Public Information Session on January 31 starting at 7:00pm in the Community Room at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Chairman Putnam requested that this effort be continued next year. The enrollment process starts Jan 24th with mailings to all Eversource customers in town. All information can be found on the website at <https://www.hudsonnh.gov/bc-sc/page/heac>
10. **Roadside Cleanups:** Start Discussion about running a Cleanup near Earth Day – 2024 followed possibly by an Earth Day Party. Earth Day 2024 is April 22nd. The Roadside Cleanup and any Party would need to be on Saturday, April 20th.
11. **Management of the Sustainability Committee Facebook page:** C. Thatcher was able to be added as an Administrator. Chris proposed updating the format of the committee's presence on Facebook to allow for posting of notices and communications with residents. This is a project to be worked on as time allows.
12. **The next meeting** – February 26, 2024
13. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** (included in the Packet) 24.79% December 2023
 - **Expenditure Report:** (included in the Packet) No expenditures in through the end of 2023. The Sustainability Committee received a donation in 2016 of \$150.00. Lisa Labrie found this. There are no remaining records as to the source of the donation. The funds will be used to pay for the “overlays” referred to during the HEAC report.
14. **Hudson Transfer Station: It is open one Saturday each month from now until April. The next two days it will be open – January 27 and February 24 - 8:00am-12:00noon – 2024 passes will be needed. The Transfer Station is **not** open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday until April. Residents can drop off metal, cardboard and/or yard waste without the need of a Pass on Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 during normal Transfer Station hours. DPW offices are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.**
15. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The last Hazardous Waste Collection for 2023 was on November 4th. Collection days will resume in the spring of 2024.
For more information please visit:
www.nashuarpc.org/energy_environment/household_hazardous_waste_collections/index.php
16. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** B. Guessferd urged residents to attend the Deliberative Session Feb 3rd, School Deliberative Session on Feb 10th. Also, town positions need to be applied for by Friday, Jan 26th. Chairman Putnam expressed thanks to Paul Inderbitzen for being the Town Moderator. She did note that there is a need for a new Town Moderator as Mr. Inderbitzen is stepping down as moderator.
17. **Adjournment:** K. Messner motioned to adjourn, seconded by C. Putnam. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Edward Thompson
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary 23 FEB, 2024