

February 29, 2024

To: Board of Selectmen

Ref: Proposed Roadside Cleanup on April 20th

CC: Chief Dionne, Jay Twardosky, DPW Director and Lieutenant Kevin Riley

The Sustainability Committee is respectfully requesting that the Board of Selectmen approve the hosting of a Roadside Cleanup covering Musquash Rd. This road was chosen after consultations and suggestions from members of the Sustainability Committee, the Hudson Police Department, and the Department of Public Works.

Craig and I drove Musquash Rd. on Wednesday, Feb 28, to identify specific areas needing attention and two areas where volunteers can safely park their cars. The concept being that Burns Hill Fire Station parking lot will be the main meeting place at 9am. Items would be distributed and protocols that all must abide by will be explained. There will be a sign-in sheet. One group will then drive to the parking area for the Musquash Pond trail head and start at the other end of Musquash Rd. The second group would start out from the Burns Hill Fire Station parking lot.

The Sustainability Committee will supply the safety/reflective vests, blue bags specifically for recyclables, black trash bags, and make available four "grabbers". As bags are filled they will be tied closed and left on the shoulder of the road along with any large items pulled from the woods.

The DPW will position orange road signs as appropriate prior to April 20. Those signs will be set upright the morning of. DPW staff will then pick up all filled bags plus any larger items on the following Monday.

By/on April 13 the Sustainability Committee's roadside cleanup signs will be deployed. Those signs will be picked up by April 24.

This project will not move forward until at least 8 adult residents (preferably 10) commit to helping out from 9am-12:30pm on April 20. Should there not be sufficient volunteers signed up by the Wednesday prior, the Committee will notify the DPW, HPD and post on social media that same day. Also should the weather forecast not be suitable for Saturday, the project will be cancelled.

If the BOS approves this project during their March 5th meeting the Sustainability Committee would then start promoting it. The committee will be using the Town website, Hudson Times and social media to promote this project and solicit volunteer engagement. I, as Chair, will reach out to Paul Inderbitzen about putting a sign at each voting location on March 12. Some of the promotion will be reaching out to those who live along Musquash....as such an approach has been effective in the past. Residents are then cleaning up along "their road" with full support from the Sustainability Committee, the DPW and the HPD.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Putnam, Sustainability Committee Chair