



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee Minutes (abbreviated)



Debra Putnam, Chairman Sustainability & Bob Guessferd, Selectmen Liaison

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**March 25, 2024**

**Community Development (Buxton) Meeting Room**

1. **Call to Order: 7:02 pm**
2. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Karl Huber, Debra Putnam, Craig Putnam, Chris Thatcher, Ed Thompson, and Selectmen Liaison – Bob Guessferd
3. **Public Input: None**
4. **The Sustainability Committee recognized the passage of Article 28** by registered voters on March 12. This Article requiring Public Input at every meeting is a policy that the Sustainability Committee has always honored, and reaffirmed our commitment.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** February 26, 2024, Minutes – Karl made the motion, Craig seconded, no discussion, unanimously approved.
6. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 21.25% February 2024
  - **Expenditure Report:** As noted during the February meeting the Sustainability Committee received a donation in 2016 of \$150.00. Some (\$106.75) of this donation was used to pay for the overlays on the 2'X3' A-Frame signs – announcing the upcoming Public Information Session on January 31. The February Expenditure did not yet show the expenditure and the reimbursement from the Donation account. In preparation for having an A-Frame sign set at the exit of each polling location on March 12 to promote the April 20 Roadside Cleanup the Chair did spend \$60.00 to have four laminated overlays created by Staples. Two Roadside Cleanup A-Frame signs each with an overlay were set at the exit of each of the polling locations on March 12. The committee voted to retroactively approve that expenditure. Motion made by Kate, seconded by Karl, no discussion, unanimously approved.
7. **Hudson Transfer Station: Starting the beginning of April the Transfer Station will be open two Saturdays each month until November. The next two days it will be open – March 30 and April 13 - 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 6. Residents can drop off metal, cardboard and/or yard waste without the need of a Pass on March 30 and then every Saturday starting April 6. Bob Guessferd emphasized that April 6 is the first Saturday to keep in mind when planning to drop off metal, cardboard and/or yard waste**

**any Saturday going forward.** Until April, DPW offices are open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.

- 8. Hazardous Waste Collections:** The last Hazardous Waste Collection days will resume **on Saturday, April 20, 2024, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Location: 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua, NH.** For more information please visit: [www.nashuarpc.org](http://www.nashuarpc.org)
- 9. Composting:** Kate noted that 31.3% of Trash is Food Waste! So far two residents have expressed sincere interest in providing public input during the Composting Subcommittee meetings. Debra, the Chair, will be present at each meeting. Chris Thatcher committed to being on that committee and one more resident needs to commit - to share their input. The first goal is to have two SC members and three members of the public explore options with a final report/recommendation being presented to the Sustainability Committee. **There were clarifications noted regarding the fact that residents on the Composting Committee are providing Public Input.** They are not members of the Sustainability Committee. Due to the demands of organizing and running the Roadside Cleanup on April 20 no further action was taken.
- 10. April 20 – Roadside Cleanup –An expenditure not to exceed \$75.00 was approved to purchase black trash bags and hand sanitizer.** Motion made by Craig, seconded by Chris, no discussion, unanimously approved. **Members agreed to hosting a Thank You lunch and then approved an expenditure not to exceed \$200.00 for food and beverages.** Motion made by Craig, seconded by Kate, no discussion, unanimously approved. Fire Chief Tice approved the use of the Burns Hill Fire Station – which offers the option of eating indoors, tables, chairs and access to a bathroom.
- 11. HEAC Report:** Updates from Craig Putnam, Kate Messner, Chris Thatcher and Karl Huber. Craig explained that the change to Hudson Community Power would show up on the April bill. Any more complicated situations that came in through the Town Hall or by communication with the Sustainability Committee were fully addressed. HCTV hosted a Community Power Q&A by Diane Canava and Craig Putnam. That approximately 30 minute video was accessed over 600 times just in the couple of weeks after posting by HCTV.
- 12. PCAP – Priority Climate Action Plan:** Kate Messner presented a brief update of the PCAP – Priority Climate Action Plan at the state level. It is a 171-page document produced by the NH DES (Dept. of Environmental Services) after gathering much community input across the state. The Sustainability Committee is listed as a participant by virtue of attending both web-based and in-person workshops. Due to the size and comprehensiveness of the report Kate summarized and highlighted key areas – in particular the Waste and Materials Management section. The changes coming in the future through legislation and process management will have to reduce waste going into landfills. Of particular concern is Food Waste (31.3% of the trash stream)...which can be mediated by Composting. Another big concern is the amount of waste that comes into NH from other states – 47% of the total waste in NH! Kate’s summary report will be posted to the Hudson Sustainability Committee Facebook page.

13. Rotary E-Waste Event:

**Rotary Electronics Recycling Fundraiser**

Drive by — Drop-off — Outside  
No need to get out of the car  
We unload



  
**Parking Lot - Alvirne High School**  
200 Derry Road Hudson, NH  
**Saturday April 20, 2024**  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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**ANYTHING ELECTRONIC! All of it!**  
Unused business or household electronics — Working or Non-working — Items or parts

Computers, Laptops, Projectors, Fax machines, Copiers, Printers, Servers, Vacuums	<b>\$20</b>
Televisions under 27", Monitors, Flat Screens - Under 27", Dehumidifiers, Microwaves	<b>\$25</b>
Tube TVs, TVs 27" and over; Air Conditioners	<b>\$35</b>
Radios, Stereos, CD/DVD/BlueRay, Modems, Cameras, Electric Typewriters, Cell Phones, Tablets or iPads	<b>\$10</b>
Telephones, Smartboards, Cables, Hard-Drives (if pre-removed from computers), Handheld Video Games, Speakers, Calculators, Answering Machines	<b>\$5</b>
TV or Stereo Wood Consoles & Projection TVs	<b>\$50</b>

Residents of All New Hampshire, Mass, or Maine Communities Welcome

Cash or checks payable to: "HUDSON-LITCHFIELD Rotary Club"  
Proceeds support: College and Vocational Scholarships;  
Local Service Needs; Housing, and Food Pantry Agencies; as well as  
Other Community Service Projects

 **Guaranteed:- Components disassembled and RECYCLED, not ending up in landfills. All data destruction/protection ensured.** 

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14. The next meeting – April 22, 2024

15. **Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** Chris to work on a proposal for a new Facebook page and coordinate with Debbie to present at a future meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed and seconded by Chris, no discussion, unanimously approved.

16. Adjournment: 8:15pm

*Debra Putnam*

*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair April 19, 2024*