



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

### Agenda



Debra Putnam, Chair

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**November 25, 2024**  
**Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Attendance:**
5. **Approval of Minutes:** October 28, 2024 – Ed Thompson (included in Packet)
6. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.49% (Report included in Packet)
  - **Expenditure Report:** Two checks were accidentally sent to Clean Energy for a Municipal Membership. The second check will be returned by Clean Energy and the \$300.00 credited back into the committee's account. (Report was included in Packet. It shows two \$300.00 disbursements) Correct balance is \$736.50.
7. **Hudson Transfer Station:** As of July 1, each residence serviced by curbside collection will be allowed to purchase up to three additional Passes at \$30.00 per pass each calendar year. The dates the Transfer Station will be open: **Nov 30th and Dec 28th** - 8:00am-12:00noon. The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday but **only April through November**- **NO** Pass is required. Thus, the Transfer Station will **not** be open on Saturdays in December through until the beginning of April for metal, cardboard, yard waste other than the scheduled Transfer Station Open Dates. DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Saturdays the Transfer Station will be open in 2025 should be released before this committee's meeting on December 16, 2024. See the town website for more information.
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The 2024 collection season has ended. The next collection event will be in April 2025. Update-Cost: \$20 fee per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons (liquids) or 20 pounds (solids). Cash or check accepted, carpooling encouraged. **No Latex/Acrylic Paint, No Electronics, No Medications** For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570. NOTE: Old medications can be dropped off at the Hudson Police Department. Syringes (in a hard shell container) can be dropped off at local hospitals SNHMC and St. Joe's Hospital.

- 9. Holiday Lights Recycling Program** – Five decorated collection boxes were deployed by the start of the program – November 11<sup>th</sup>. Four boxes (one each) went to the Rec. Department (Community Center), Senior Center, Town Hall, and Rodgers Memorial Library. A fifth decorated box was delivered to Karl who will manage the collection at Shepards Hill.

The decorated boxes include an 11”X17” banner promoting and explaining the recycling program. A copy of the 11”X17” banner is included in the packet. A one-page flyer was emailed to the Rec. Department + Senior Center, Troop 20, the Lions Club and the Hudson Litchfield Rotary Club for them to distribute to their members via email. Troop 20 was advised that they are welcome to modify the Word docx as they wish to better serve their programs and goals – Christmas Tree Collection + Collection of broken strings of lights.

- 10. Clean Energy Conference:** Jake Keller and Karl Huber will share the information gathered from their in-person attendance and through viewing recordings of the presentations. (Clean Energy Municipal Membership doc included in Packet).
- 11. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC) Subcommittee–** K. Huber will give an update for the subcommittee regarding the progress made to date regarding activating the pages on the Town Website.
- 12. Composting Subcommittee Updates:** C. Thatcher, J. Keller, K. Huber, E. Thompson and D. Putnam will update members on recent activities. The Hudson Lions Club is very interested in promoting composting but their schedule did not allow time for D. Putnam to present at a recent meeting. Data has been requested from the Town Admin. A recent Zoom meeting of the subcommittee resulted in a couple of phone calls with the goal of gathering info. The whole idea is to divert waste away from the landfill which would save money for the town.
- 13. Hudson Community Power** – Craig & Kate will update members on the current statistics for Hudson Community Power as well as activities related to CPCNH.
- 14. Budget for 2025 to 2026:** The opportunity to present to the BOS asking for an increase in the Sustainability Committee’s budget for 2024-2025, has expired.  
In 2024 the committee must prepare to present to the BOS by the end of August to allow time for any request to increase the 2025-2026 budget to be seriously considered.
- 15. Hydro Group Net Metering Options for Hudson presented by Howard Plante, of Freedom Energy Logistics.** Members agreed to table discussion until the Jan 2025 meeting.
- 16. The next meeting** – December 16, 2024.
- 17. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**
- 18. Adjournment:**

*Debra Putnam*  
*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair      November 22, 2024*

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Expenditure Report - Including Carry Forward Activity  
Sustainability Committee  
Town of Hudson, NH  
As Of: October 2024, GL Year 2025

Account Number	Budget	Prior Year Encumbered	Budget & PY Adjustments	Net Budget	MTD Exp	YTD Exp	Encumbered	Balance Available	%Used
<b>General Fund</b>									
01-4199-5055-214-000	Sustainability Comm, News Ads								
	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	263.50	263.50	0.00	-13.50	105.400
01-4199-5055-217-000	Sustainability Comm, Dues and Fees								
	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	-350.00	240.000
01-4199-5055-241-000	Sustainability Comm, Printing								
	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.000
01-4199-5055-303-000	Sustainability Comm, Office Supplies								
	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.000
01-4199-5055-340-000	Sustainability Comm, Small Oper Mat								
	440.00	0.00	0.00	440.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	440.00	0.000
<b>Total General Fund</b>									
Selected Year	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	563.50	563.50	300.00	436.50	66.423
Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
Sort Total	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	563.50	563.50	300.00	436.50	66.423

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Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
Grand Total	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	563.50	563.50	300.00	436.50	66.423



# RECYCLE YOUR

November 11, 2024 – January 10, 2025

## Indoor Drop Off Locations:

- Hudson Town Hall
- Hudson Senior Center
- Hudson Community Center
- Rodgers Memorial Library

## PLEASE NOTE:

- Place string lights loose in marked boxes (**No Bags**)
- Be sure strings are free from any debris
- Sorry, we cannot accept pre-lit trees or garlands

Be Sure to keep an eye out for Troop 20's  
Christmas Tree Pickup program this year after Christmas!



Town of Hudson  
Hudson Rec.  
Department  
Hudson Senior Center



Hudson Lions



Troop 20,  
Hudson NH



Hudson  
Litchfield  
Rotary Club

Welcome statement from Clean Energy NH for renewing the Town of Hudson Municipal Membership:

On behalf of the team at Clean Energy NH, we are grateful for your membership. With your support, we are able to continue to provide our members with valuable benefits and promote clean energy and technologies through education and advocacy for a stronger economic future for all Granite Staters.

In an effort to better serve our members and ensure you are taking advantage of the benefits offered as part of your **Municipal Membership for the Town of Hudson / Hudson Electric Aggregative Committee (HEAC)**, a reminder of a few benefits below (find more in the attached):

- [Exclusive access to our members-only resource pages](#) which provide up-to-date information regarding our event happenings (with promotional codes for members), legislative tracking, and resources. Please note: You must be logged in to access these members-only benefits
  - *To gain access to the members-only pages, visit the CENH website, look to the top right of the screen and click on "Login." On that screen, click on where it states to "Sign Up." Complete the short form and then we will approve you through the backend of the website. Once you are approved, you will receive an email to confirm your account. From there, you'll have the login credentials to view the webpages at your convenience. Please note: Access will be removed if annual membership is not renewed with our organization.*
- Member access and discounts to events such as our educational and informational webinars, and the annual [Local Energy Solutions \(LES\) Conference](#) (Friday, November 1, 2024).
- Access to CENH's policy and regulatory email newsletters and our weekly policy calls during the legislative session (January - June).
  - You have been automatically signed up to receive the email communications.
  - Please note the Friday Weekly Policy Calls will resume January 2025.
  - During the Legislative Sessions, to attend the weekly policy calls, join our policy team via Zoom each [Friday from 11:30a - 12:15p \(during the legislative session\) using this Zoom link](#).
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- **NEW for 2024:** [Access our new Grant Funding Spreadsheet via our members-only portal on our website](#) to learn more about the funding opportunities available to municipalities and local energy committees/commissions. (Reminder: You must be logged in to our website to gain access - see how to access above.)

Clean Energy NH is dedicated to empowering New Hampshire cities and towns so they may enrich their communities with the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Memberships are valid until one year after receipt of dues. Renewal reminders are sent via e-mail.

## MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (\$300):

These benefits are available to all municipal members:

- Access to the member-exclusive web portal dedicated to important updates and information relevant to members (all municipal staff, elected officials, and/or energy committee members are eligible for this benefit)
- Neutral expertise, technical assistance, training for energy project execution:
  - **Local Policy** (e.g. incorporating energy considerations into zoning, ordinances, and master plans)
  - **Energy Efficiency** (e.g. energy benchmarking with Portfolio Manager, energy efficient new construction and building retrofits, lighting and equipment upgrades, NHSaves programs)
  - **Renewable Energy** (e.g. solar, hydro-electric, biomass)
  - **Funding Sources** (e.g. identifying and navigating incentives, grants, tax credits, and financing)
  - **Procurement Models** (e.g. direct ownership, leasing, Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), group net metering, community power aggregation)
  - **Public Outreach** (e.g. training in Solarize/Weatherize public outreach campaigns, coaching on successful public outreach ahead of town voting on energy projects);
  - **Electric Vehicles** (EV fleet and charging infrastructure deployment);
  - Other personalized technical assistance for energy projects.
- Two-way policy communication:
  - Nonpartisan expertise on local, legislative, and regulatory energy policies, including regular updates and opportunities for conversation during the legislative session
  - Empowering municipalities and energy committees with a voice in state energy policy issues.
- Two (2) Complimentary tickets to the annual Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference
- Certificate to display in town or city offices that proclaims the community is a supporter of Clean Energy NH

## GOLD MUNICIPAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS (\$500):

Includes ALL OF THE ABOVE Municipal benefits listed, and instead of two (2) tickets....

- Four (4) Complimentary tickets to the annual Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference

**Visit the Membership page on our website or send a check made payable to "Clean Energy NH" to the mailing address below. Contact Membership Coordinator, Anna Li Preble, with any questions:**  
[annali@cleanenergynh.org](mailto:annali@cleanenergynh.org).





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### Minutes



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**October 28, 2024**  
**Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm**

**1. Call to Order: at 7:00PM**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

- 3. Public Input:** Christine Sullivan, 15 Lorraine St, resident of Hudson, representing Scouts BSA #20 gave a brief introduction of the Scout's association with Christmas Tree fund raiser and Christmas light recycling program for old lights.

**Holiday Lights Recycling Program** – C. Thatcher reviewed the merit badge program for the Scouts with C. Sullivan. \$130 registration fee, meant to teach members about sustainability efforts with regards to water, food, energy, etc. A merit badge mentor from the Sustainability Committee is requested. B. Guessferd thought that this should be something that a member could do on their own, not as a sanctioned function of the Sustainability Committee. More discussions are to be had later after the meeting.

Flyer for light recycling - See rough draft of a flyer for the 2024 collection season. (included in Packet) The Amherst St. Lowes will be hosting the holiday lights recycling. Seven Boxes have been decorated but the flyer/notice needs to be added. We have received commitments from the Rec. Department, Senior Center, Town Hall, Rodgers Memorial Library and a member will manage the collection at Shepards Hill.

Hopefully, we will have more info in time for the Oct 28 meeting. After some discussion, it was deemed that advertising in local papers was too expensive. Coordination with Alvirne HS....and Middle school still pending. Agreed on the format of a printed flyer. Motion was made spend no more than \$25 for Staples for print light recycling signs by K. Messner, second by E. Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Hydro Group Net Metering Options for Hudson presented by Howard Plante, of Freedom Energy Logistics.** During the July meeting the members discussed- Next steps to review information present to town attorney and the BOS for consideration. Members agreed to table discussion until the Jan 2025 meeting.

- 5. Clean Energy Membership renewal and Conference:** Motion was made to approve a total of \$300 for the membership fee which was made by K. Huber, seconded by K. Messner. Motion approved unanimously. The membership includes two tickets (\$77.00 each) to the Conference. K. Huber and J. Keller will be the members representing Hudson at the Conference. Communication between the Town Admin office and the lead coordinator/contact at Clean Energy has resulted in the proper paperwork now being on file. All that is needed is an email from the Chair to Town Admin Office confirming the authorization of the expenditure.

6. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Chris Thatcher, Bob Guessferd (Selectman Liaison), Craig Putnam (alt), Karl Huber, Deb Putnam (Chair), Jake Keller (new member), Ed Thompson. Alyssa Hanley (excused absence).
7. **Approval of Minutes:** September 23, 2024 – Motion to approve by C. Thatcher, Seconded by K. Huber. Motion approved unanimously.
8. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.75% (Report was included in Packet)
  - **Expenditure Report:** (Report was included in Packet) only one expenditure to date– Hudson Times \$187.00 Electrical Rate Chart.
9. **Hudson Transfer Station:** As of July 1, each residence serviced by curbside collection will be allowed to purchase up to three additional Passes at \$30.00 per pass each calendar year. (See DPW wall sign included in Packet) The dates the Transfer Station will be open: **Nov 9th, Nov 30th and Dec 28th** - 8:00am-12:00noon. The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday- **NO** Pass is required. As of this meeting the DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. See the town website for more information.
10. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** Another date was added to the schedule - **Saturday November 2, 2024**, 8:00 AM – Noon. Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua. Who Can Attend: Residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham. *Businesses, please call at least two weeks in advance to pre-register.* Cost: \$15 fee per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons (liquids) or 20 pounds (solids). Cash or check accepted, carpooling encouraged. **No Latex/Acrylic Paint, No Electronics, No Medications** For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570. NOTE: Old medications can be dropped off at the Hudson Police Department. Syringes can be dropped off at local hospitals SNHMC and St. Joes Hospital.
11. **Budget for 2024 to 2025:** Review plans and ideas for the next fiscal year and the associated expenditures to expand the Sustainability Committee’s communication with residents and the development of fun activities along with increasing recycling – Pumpkin Smash event, National Night Out, Roadside Cleanups that include a Thank You lunch, Holiday Lights Recycling., sponsorship of a Sustainability badge through Troop 20, coordinating with Sustainability class through CTE at Alvirne HS, etc. The Hudson Lions Club is very interested in coordinating with the Sustainability Committee to create fun + learning events for residents throughout Hudson. At the end of August, the budget should be submitted to the BOS. For this year, the deadline has been missed.
12. **Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC) Subcommittee–** K. Huber gave update for the subcommittee, and has been working with HPD, HFD, and DPW and appears to be ready to launch. He also updated members on the web pages that are going to go live on Town website. Final procedure will be presented to the BOS for uploading to the town website. J. Keller asked to be assigned to the subcommittee which he was.
13. **Composting Subcommittee Updates:** C. Thatcher updated members on recent activities. The Hudson Lions Club is very interested in promoting composting. He met with a company called Eco-Tone who lease out their Bio-Digesters (shaped like a shipping container) where composting can be deposited. Works like a trash compactor but it is a composter. Creates “soil sauce” compost. Looking to better understand town needs and interest. Requested input from Town DPW and Budget Committee as we are in the information gathering phase of starting a composting program. The whole idea is to divert waste away from the landfill which would save money for the town.

- 14. Hudson Community Power – Hudson Community Power** – Update started by Craig Putnam – not much change, Hudson is at 67% participation, with 99.7% on Granite Basic program. K. Messner attended the CPCNH semi-annual Members meeting. She explained that CPCNH is now 3 yrs old now, 70 member communities now, 80 possible by the end of the year (40% of NH customers). New section on CPCNH website where you can get community benefit report docs under “About Us” section. There has been \$16M in savings state-wide so far, \$76K saved so far in Hudson. A lot of discussion with the Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Committee (RLAC) looking to develop a new charter to be able react to new legislation that comes in. Targeted the New Hampshire Energy Forward Act which was explained as being required to help make community power statewide. RLAC will be meeting on Nov 8 and Dec 13. RTK training was also covered at this CPCNH meeting
- 15. The next meeting** – November 25, 2024. Dec meeting, Motion to have Dec 16<sup>th</sup> meeting instead of 23<sup>rd</sup> by K. Huber, seconded by K. Messner. Motion passed unanimously.
- 16. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:** K. Messner - Comprehensive Climate action plan kickoff online meeting on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm -7pm, and In-person event on Dec 11 at 8:30am-11:30am in Concord NHDES auditorium. No other comments.
- 17. Adjournment at 8:56pm: Motion to adjourn by C. Putnam, C. Thatcher. Motion passed unanimously.**

*Submitted by Edward Thompson  
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary Nov 22, 2024*