



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

### Minutes



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**April 28, 2025**  
**Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** At 7pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Alyssa Hanley, Karl Huber (Vice Chair), Bob Larson. Craig Putnam, Debra Putnam, Chris Thatcher, Bob Guessferd (Selectman Liaison) and Jake Keller were all excused.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** March 24, 2025 – by Ed Thompson (Included in Packet), Motion to approve by Kate Messner, seconded by Bob Larson, Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 23.02% for March (Included in Packet).
  - **Expenditure Report:** Current balance is estimated at \$600.00 One receipt for less than \$25.00 was submitted for printing done for A-Frame signs at exits of Polling Stations along with “Take Home” slips of paper. One request for reimbursement with two receipts attached was just submitted for food and beverages for Roadside Cleanup Thank You lunch in approx. amount of \$106.00  
**No Formal Expenditure Report received since Beth McKee’s departure.**
7. **Hudson Transfer Station:** The new “**2025 Solid Waste Brochure**”, also showing up as the “2025 Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Guide,” is now available 24/7 through both the **DPW Transfer Station Hours & Rules** web page and the Sustainability Committee page: **Recycling & Solid Waste Services Guide**. Information specifically regarding recycling can be accessed directly via [casella.com/RecycleBetter](https://casella.com/RecycleBetter). Those residents with questions regarding trash collections or recycling that are not answered by reviewing the full document should call **CASELLA** – 603-623-7933 during normal business hours. DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The option of dropping off cut-up cardboard, metal and/or yard waste on any Saturday will resume in April.  
**The next two dates when the Transfer Station will be fully open are May 10 & May 31 – 8:00am-12:00pm.**

**This action item was essentially tabled at the February meeting. Communication with DPW required. CASELLA:** Tony Belanger emailed links to two Casella Public Awareness Ads that CASELLA had produced for informational purposes on TV covering all regions where the company has a presence. Tony has authorized Hudson to use either one to help get the word out to Hudson residents

through HCTV. Michael Johnson, Director of Community Media, has indicated HCTV's willingness to "broadcast" either, as long as a quick PSA (1-2 minutes) is recorded by either Jay Twardosky or his designee, or by a member of the Sustainability Committee, approved by Jay or his designee.

60: <https://app.air.inc/a/c0lc33jYN>

30: <https://app.air.inc/a/c2fe3hQOq>

This topic was tabled, Vice Chair Huber will email DPW to attend the next meeting.

8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next two collection events will be Saturday May 10, 8am - noon, Milford Public Works, 289 South Street, Milford and Thursday June 5, 3pm - 7pm, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua

Please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570 with questions.

**The new fee per car is \$20.00 cash or check.** Households can come together to make one drop off.

NOTE: **Old medications** can be dropped off in the bin within the vestibule at the Hudson Police Department. **Syringes** (in a hard-shell container) can be dropped off at local hospitals SNHMC and St. Joe's Hospital. The CASELLA 2025 Solid Waste Brochure includes more information.

9. **Roadside Cleanup was held on April 19:** Karl Huber reported on. A very successful event. Sixteen people signed in and tackled the cleanup starting at Elm & Webster St. and ending at the Taylors Fall Bridge. The group gathered up so much waste that 18 Blue Recyclables bags and 14 black trash bags were filled.... plus a variety of larger objects were placed next to bags including a new roll of snow fence (with weeds growing through it), a discharge chute for a riding lawn mower, pole lamp, and a beach chair! The help from friends of Alyssa Hanley was greatly appreciated along with a Litchfield resident who returned to help after tackling the huge job of Musquash Rd Cleanup last April.

The Sustainability Committee would like to extend a huge Thank You to Cpt. McElhinney (Hudson PD), Jeremy Faulkner (Hudson DPW) and Chief Tice (Hudson FD) for the tremendous support they and their teams provided to this project.

When is the next one? – Go to website to learn about process for residents to submit roadways for consideration for next roadside cleanup event.

10. **Hudson Community Power:** Kate Messner reported on. Please see notes from the annual CPCNH meeting attached to these minutes. Emphasis was placed on Kate's last statement of the notes: *"I do want to mention, however, that for 18 months (over 3 rate periods) since initial launch CPCNH's rate was lower than Eversource and it has only been in this 4<sup>th</sup> rate period that it has been higher. CPCNH still anticipates a net savings for the town over the period from initial customer enrollment though the July 31, 2025 term."*

11. **Legislation to Address Climate Change and report about potential grants and how they might relate to Town Hall possible renovations:** Discussion lead by Bob Larson. The state of NH has a program called Solar Subdivision Grants. Towns can apply for grants amounting to up to a max of \$200k. The Sustainability Committee is advisory, members can enter dialogue with the state officials on this topic, but the next step would be to present to the BOS since they are the agents for the town. The state has \$127M allocated toward these type programs. Details of the grant application process TBD. We need to discuss with Town Engineer Dhima as information on the process becomes available.

12. **The next meeting:** Confirmed May 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm.

13. **Committee Member Comments:** Kate Messner commented on Group Net Metering through CPCNH and Poverty Plains Solar... CPCNH has partnered with [Encore Renewable Energy](https://www.cpcnh.org/group-net-metering) to bring the **Poverty Plains Solar** project online. Please find more information at <https://www.cpcnh.org/group-net-metering>.

**14. Motion for Adjournment:** Ed Thompson made motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Larson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Edward R. Thompson*  
*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary   May 15, 2025*

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**(Attachment)**  
**2025-04-28 CPCNH Update for SC Meeting**

CPCNH as an organization now has greater than 190,000 customers comprising 38% of NH's population, includes 4 counties currently with 27 new CP (Community Power) aggregations, and an overall participation rate of 71% within those entities. (Of those non-participating accounts 3% are net-metering customers and 16.5% have chosen a competitive supplier.)

The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page on their website has an abundance of information on just about everything. You can get to that by going to CPCNH.org then to the News page and then clicking on the banner: "Read our CPCNH Leadership Transition and Member Updates FAQ" at the top of the page. (Link immediately below):

[Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire | CPCNH Leadership Transition & Member Updates FAQ](#)

CPCNH also hosts Friday Office Hours every other week to keep members informed – see CPCNH meeting calendar (under Meetings) for more. (Link immediately below):

[Meetings | Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire](#)

Latest HCP Enrollment numbers for Hudson:

As of the end of March:

- Total CPCNH Accounts: 8,996 (out of 12,803 Eversource accounts); CPCNH account total was 9,041 last month
- Community Participation Rate (since launch): 71%; unchanged from last month

Opt Action & Product Election data:

- Opt-Ins (since launch): 4.3% (12 new this past month); was 4.3% (26) last month
- Opt-Outs (since launch): 4.5% (10 new this past month); was 4.2% (2) last month
- Granite Basic: 99.6%
- Granite Plus: 0.2%
- Clean 50: 0.1%
- Clean 100: 0.1%

CPCNH Participation by Utility data: CPCNH CPAs serve 139,054 active accounts in Eversource's distribution area out of a total of 198,404

There are many resources available to members. The best place to start is to go to the CPCNH.org website and go to the Key Documents page. The News page is also updated regularly. There is also a Quarterly Newsletter (so the one as of March is available now).

Ability to sign up for Rate Change Notifications (and other communications):

- There is a new Contact Us page: <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/contact> for general inquiries
- A link to it can also be found at the bottom of the page for Hudson Community Power: <https://www.communitypowernh.gov/hudson>
- Anyone can sign up for various communications using SMS and/or email:
  - Legislative Action Alerts (1-2 per month)
  - CPCNH Newsletter (quarterly)
  - Rate Change Notifications
  - Event Announcements

The same is available at the bottom of the CPCNH.gov home page under Build Community

Rates are always published (30 days ahead) at: [www.CommunityPowerNH.gov](http://www.CommunityPowerNH.gov).

As of March 3, 2025, Hudson Community Power's "Granite Basic" rate (the default option) was adjusted to \$0.09700 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) relative to Eversource's supply rate of \$0.08929

Customers may opt into or out of Hudson Community Power and may return to Eversource supply service at any time using the following options:

- Calling 1-866-603-7697 (open 8am-5pm weekdays excluding holidays)
- Emailing [info@communitypowernh.gov](mailto:info@communitypowernh.gov)

- Visiting [www.communitypowernh.gov/granite-basic](http://www.communitypowernh.gov/granite-basic) and using the customer portal

Please have your utility account number handy (printed on your electric bill) so your request can easily be processed. There are no fees for switching between Hudson Community Power and Eversource supply service. Switches will be processed as of the next available regular meter reading date.

I do want to mention, however, that for 18 months (over 3 rate periods) since initial launch CPCNH's rate was lower than Eversource and it has only been in this 4<sup>th</sup> rate period that it has been higher. CPCNH still anticipates a net savings for the town over the period from initial customer enrollment through the July 31, 2025 term.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Messner, CPCNH Alternate Rep for Hudson

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