



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes



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May 19, 2025
Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** 7pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:** Blake Ramsey, Manchester, NH. He is a member of the NH Climate Campaign affiliation. HB 219, HB 224. Please contact Sharon.Carson@gc.nh.gov 603.271.3266 to ...Closed public input at 7:10pm
4. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Bob Larson. Craig Putnam, Debra Putnam (Chair), Chris Thatcher, and Jake Keller were all excused. Karl Huber excused, Alyssa Hanley (excused), Heidi Jakoby (Selectman Liaison), Jay Twardosky, DPW Director ex officio member (excused).
5. **Introduction of new Selectman Liaison - Heidi Jakoby** and updates explained by Heidi regarding any policy changes going forward as decided by the BOS. Please note the title change at the top of the Agenda. This past Tuesday BOS meeting a vote passed to change all committees of only an Advisory capacity to have “Advisory” added to their titles. Please read letter from Town Administrator Roy Sorenson attached to these minutes.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** April 28, 2025 - Motion to approve by Kate Messner, seconded by Bob Larson, Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.25% for April (Included in Packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** Current balance is \$606.22 One receipt for \$23.70 was for printing done for A-Frame signs at exits of Polling Stations along with “Take Home” slips of paper. One reimbursement was for food and beverages for Roadside Cleanup Thank You lunch in the amount of \$106.58 Formal Report received from Heidi Jakoby as emailed by Roy Sorenson. (included on Packet). Chris Thatcher suggested budgetary agenda item to be included in the June agenda.
8. **DPW and 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. 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 has resumed as of April.

The next two dates when the Transfer Station will be fully open are May 31 and June 14 – 8:00am-12:00pm.

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 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 to precede the video.

Per communication between the Chair and Mr. Twardosky: Jay will communicate with HCTV after viewing both videos. Jay will handle the PSA. The SAC will be updated when the chosen video and PSA "go live." The goal being to inform residents of the switch from Pinard Waste Systems to CASELLA.

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

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

Community Service Detail: DPW Director Jay Twardosky included the Sustainability Committee in email communication this past Monday, May 12th. Sergeant Jordan Bailey has been assigned to the Community Service Detail on 5/21/25 in Hudson. Sergeant Bailey will report at 7AM at the start point chosen by the DPW. The Community Service Detail consisting of a prison officer and two inmates will work until 3PM. The goal will be to tackle the roads that the SAC nor residents are allowed to work on during a Roadside Cleanup. Wason is at the top of the list.

9. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next two collection events will be Thursday June 5, 3pm - 7pm, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua and Saturday August 9, 8am - noon, Pelham Highway Dept., 33 Newcomb Field Parkway, Pelham.

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

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.

10. **Hudson Community Power:** Reported on by Kate Messner. Her update can be found attached to these minutes. Heidi Jakoby updated the SAC regarding decisions voted on by the BOS.
11. **Possible Grants available to the Town of Hudson:** Elvis Dhima responded to Karl Huber's email inquiry after the April meeting (included in the Packet). The SAC needs to follow the instructions detailed by Mr. Dhima and vote on whether to bring a particular Grant opportunity to the BOS/Mr. Dhima for their consideration. Any processing of grant applications needs to be handled by Town Staff with complete coordination with BOS. Bob Larson informed the committee that no structure has been laid out for the grant application process on the state website.
12. **Button Up NH** – Invitation received from Robin Adams at Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative. Chair has started communication with Rodgers Memorial Library. Best bet dates as of now are October 8, 15, 22 or 29. These are all Wednesday nights when the Community Room is not yet booked. Chair Putnam shared updates from Robbin Adams, Office Manager PAREI, NHSaves ButtonUP Workshop Coordinator. Jake Keller briefed the committee on his business and energy efficiency programs. He mentioned that solar power is becoming more popular now for direct mounting of solar panels to homes.
13. **National Night Out:** August 5th at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Members need to reach a consensus as to whether to host an exhibit again this year. Many of the supplies are left from last

year and the DPW has already given the Chair 16 of the professionally printed “Town of Hudson A Guide to Your Trash & Recycling Service” to have available to residents with any left being dropped off at the Town Hall. Chris Thatcher suggested we put the pumpkin smash event, the composting educational program and recycling support at high school on the agenda for the June agenda for the committee.

14. **The next meeting:** Motion made by Chris Thatcher to move the meeting to June 30th instead of June 23rd at 7pm, seconded by Kate Messner. Motion passed unanimously. Chris Thatcher requested remote access to next meeting and equipment will be requested by
15. **Committee Member Comments:** Ed Thompson thanked Selectman Jakoby and Mr. Ramsey from Manchester for attending this evening’s meeting. Selectman Jakoby informed committee of Lori May, the new Finance Director. June 30th Roy Sorenson is looking to attend to review the committee’s new charter. Chair Deb Putnam also thanked Blake Ramsey for attending meeting and reviewed the committee’s history.
16. **Motion for Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Ed Thompson, seconded by Bob Larson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Edward R. Thompson
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary June 26, 2025

Latest HCP Enrollment numbers for Hudson:

8890

As of the end of April:

- Total CPCNH Accounts: 8,890 (out of 12,827 Eversource accounts); CPCNH account total was 8,896 last month
- Community Participation Rate (since launch): 70%; down 1% from last month

Opt Action & Product Election data:

- Opt-Ins (since launch): 4.4% (2 new this past month); was 4.3% (12) last month
- Opt-Outs (since launch): 4.7% (10 new this past month); was 4.5% (10) last month
- Granite Basic: 99.6%
- Granite Plus: 0.2%
- Clean 50: 0.1%
- Clean 100: 0.1%

Guest 1234
BRB: 15 more sign

I want to remind the residents that there are many resources available to members. One 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** published and the **Annual Meeting Report** from April is now available for download as well.

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

- The Contact Us page is at: <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:
 - CPCNH Newsletter (quarterly)
 - Rate Change Notifications
 - Event Announcements
 - Legislative Action Alerts (1-2 per month)

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

The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page on their website also has an abundance of information. 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](#)

Rates: Rates are always published (30 days ahead) at: 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
- Visiting www.communitypowernh.gov/granite-basic and using the customer portal

Please have your utility account number handy (as 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.

It's important to note, however, that for the majority of time Hudson has been with CPCNH the rate has been lower than Eversource's. It has only been in this most current rate period that it is higher. CPCNH still anticipates a net savings for the town over the period from initial customer enrollment through the July 31, 2025 term.

Hudson launched Community Power with CPCNH in March of 2024 after voting it in by a rate of almost 3 out of 4 voters. We were part of "wave 2" of communities joining the organization which, as of May, comprises 62 municipalities and four county members across NH.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Messner, CPCNH Alternate Member Rep for Hudson

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To: Sustainability Advisory Committee
From: Roy E. Sorenson, Town Administrator
Date: May 19, 2025

Re: Committee Discussion – May 13, 2025, Board of Selectmen Meeting

An advisory committee is an officially chartered committee under the exclusive authority of the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations that assist the BOS in developing a stronger partnership with the community. Membership is borne through BOS appointment of residents of Hudson, whether voluntarily or through assignment. The committee provides recommendations to the BOS for consideration that may be promoted, modified, or opposed, notwithstanding shall be in the best interest of the community.

Please be advised that the BOS took formal action to have all committee's under the purview thereof to have the word "Advisory" added to their formal title, i.e., Sustainability Committee is now known as Sustainability Advisory Committee. The BOS has also tasked myself and committee liaisons with developing a formal charter albeit each committee assisting in the process. This is an effort to create consistency within the overall committee structure to help avoid any uncertainties regarding responsibilities or expectations.

I will make myself available to attend meetings to discuss further but would kindly ask that you have the initial discussion including with liaisons and then schedule the future agenda accordingly. The initial structure of the charter will be based on all current and former documentation of the committee establishment so this will require some research. The format of the charter will now be structured so as to be consistent with all committees and will be drafted in form by myself, Selectman Jakoby, and Selectman Morin.

We will anticipate attending the next Sustainability Advisory Committee so please let us know what that date will be.

Thank you for service and I look forward to our subsequent discussions.

Cc: Hudson NH Board of Selectmen