



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes



Debra Putnam, Chair Heidi Jakoby, Selectman Liaison
Jay Twardosky, DPW Director ex officio member

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June 30, 2025
Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** 7pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Attendance:** Kate Messner, Heidi Jakoby (Selectmen Liaison), Craig Putnam, Karl Huber, Jake Keller, Debra Putnam (Chair). Chris Thatcher attended via Phone Conference system. Ed Thompson and Alyssa Hanley were excused. Jay Twardosky was absent.
5. **Presentation by Roy Sorenson, Town Administrator, on the process of developing a Charter document.** Mr. Sorenson handed out printed versions of the SC Mission Statement and Policies & Procedures for each member. See Addendum A. This document is intended to provide the framework for the charter and committee members to edit document at the July meeting.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** May 19, 2025 – Motion to approve by Bob Larson, seconded by Jake Keller, Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 23.66% for May (Included in Packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** New Finance Director – Laurie May - There is one expenditure that will show up on the June (end of fiscal year) report. Account balance of \$433.84 at time of these minutes.
8. **DPW and Hudson Transfer Station: **Update** 2025 Casella Solid Waste Brochure - Casella has changed their phone number to 800-227-3552**

The “**2025 Solid Waste Brochure**”, is available 24/7 through both the **DPW Transfer Station Hours & Rules** web page and the Sustainability Advisory 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 – 800-227-3552** 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 resumed as of April.

The next two dates when the Transfer Station will be fully open are July 12 & 26, 2025 – 8:00am-12:00pm.

Karl Huber updated members on the Casella Public Awareness Ads and communication with Jay Twardosky, Hudson DPW. The goal being to inform residents of the switch from Pinard Waste Systems to CASELLA.

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

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

9. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next two collection events will be Saturday August 9, 8am - noon, Pelham Highway Dept, 33 Newcomb Field Parkway, Pelham and Saturday September 27, 8am - noon, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua
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:** Monthly report was presented by Kate Messner (See Addendum B). Craig Putnam shared information from the CPCNH meeting held on June 26. He explained that the company remains in good standing and is actively building back the level of the capital reserve fund moving forward. Craig also explained the potential unfair rules condition where Eversource could be able to go back and recouping monies by passing charges to customers at later dates for undercharging rates during prior rate periods. The threat of passing these charges to users of "Delivery" side of bill as well as "Supply" side of bill is very concerning.
11. **Possible Grants available to the Town of Hudson:** Bob Larson gave an update. There is a bill at the state house of perhaps having the money once available, returned to the general fund if passed. Bob suggested that the topic be put on the next agenda.
12. **National Night Out: August 5th** at the Rodgers Memorial Library. Carrie Long, Rodgers Memorial Library, created the colorful sign to promote the recycle to earn a prize activity that was popular last year (included in Packet). Carrie will print out a sufficient number and have them posted in appropriate locations. Debbie will advise supplies left over from the 2024 National Night Out. Members need to vote if expenditures are expected- in specific – "prizes". Members to advise their availability to help with set up, running the "booth" and teardown.
The Alvirne Sustainability Club will have a 10X10 space immediately adjacent to the SAC 10X10 space. The SAC will provide the Sustainability Club with a pop-up tent if an official Alvirne HS tent is not available. Members available Kate Messner, Jake Keller, Bob Larson. Jake will put a questionnaire together prior to the event. Motion for an expenditure not to exceed \$50 by Kate, Messner seconded by Karl Huber. Motion passed unanimously to use funds to buy small items for kids that show up at booth.
13. **Button Up NH** – After communicating with various parties involved a date of **November 12** was agreed upon. The Rodgers Memorial Library has added their full support to this informational evening as an event included in their Sustainability sessions. Documents were in the Packet that were drafts provided by Robbin Adams, Office Manager PAREI, NHSaves ButtonUP Workshop Coordinator. Members need to review as Robbin will edit the documents, etc. as requested. The promotion of the Workshops starts well in advance of the specific month. Jake Keller gave valuable insight on his experience in this area and what actions the committee can take. Heidi Jakoby suggested that Jake contact Kathy Wilson, Human Services Dept at town hall.

14. **Pumpkin Smash Event 2025:** Information was gathered and presented by Debbie Putnam. Prior to the meeting members were directed to view - <https://blackearthcompost.com/pumpkinsmash/> Finding a site in town to carry out needs to be located.
15. **Budget Proposal for 2026-2027:** First draft proposal by Chris Thatcher was provided along with substantiating docs and photos regarding the Christmas Lights recycling campaign of 2024.
16. **The next meeting:** July 28, 202 at 7pm
17. **Committee Member Comments:** Jake Keller suggested having a flyer handout for the Button Up workshop to hand out at Night Out. Heidi Jakoby reminded the committee of the opportunity at Old Home Days to have a booth for the committee. She also thanked the committee for embracing the charter and the efforts put in. Debbie Putnam announced her stepping down as chairman of the committee but will remain a member. She thanked members for their support over the years. Next meeting will be run by the Vice Chairman.
18. **Motion for Adjournment:** Motion by Karl Huber, seconded by Kate Messner, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Edward Thompson
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary July 23, 2025

Addendum A

Sustainability Advisory Committee

The Sustainability Advisory Committee aims to increase energy efficiency, recycling, and proper waste disposal throughout the town of Hudson, New Hampshire. We promote sustainability best practices in our community through community outreach and public events. We advocate for the implementation of green policies, practices, and technologies to ensure a more sustainable town. Final directive for any initiatives will be through the authority of the Board of Selectmen.

BACKGROUND

Previously the Recycling/Energy Committee. When? What BOS meeting?
Same for Sustainability Committee. When? What BOS Meeting?
Do you talk about Hudson Power somewhere in here?
Now Sustainability Advisory Committee. When? What BOS Meeting and why?

CHARGE by BOS

Research this for a specific charge? Date?
OR Reset with this New Charter

PURPOSE

The Sustainability Advisory Committee is dedicated to fostering a sustainable and resilient future for our town by promoting environmental stewardship. Through collaboration, education, and advocacy, the committee seeks to inspire and support initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all residents while preserving natural resources for future generations. Among our advising responsibilities we will collaborate to develop and recommend policies, programs, and practices that reduce environmental impact and make sense for the community. This will be done through research borne through community engagement and education on sustainability issues. We will work local organizations, businesses, and residents on augmenting sustainable solutions that are feasible and respective of the public interest at large. This is best accomplished through open communication and encouraging the integration of sustainability principles into all aspects of town planning and operations. Practices thereof may include promoting energy conservation and efficiency resulting in cost savings to the Town.

In general, the committee will:

- Research and propose actionable strategies to meet sustainability objectives.
- Collaborate with town departments to integrate sustainable practices into municipal operations.
- Monitor and evaluate the progress of sustainability initiatives and recommend adjustments as needed.
- Engage with residents to gather input and build community support for sustainability efforts.
- Serve as a resource for sustainability education and information.

RIGHT TO KNOW

All activities and business conducted under the purview of the Sustainability Advisory Committee are subject to NH RSA 91-A, Right to Know. All meetings of the committee must have proper notice and be open to the public. Members may not discuss any business of the committee in person or by email except within the scope of a regular meeting.

MEMBERS

The Sustainability Advisory Committee (formerly called the Recycling/Energy Committee) is a seven-member committee with three alternates. There is one Selectman liaison and the Public Works Director as an ex-officio member, pursuant to Hudson Board of Selectmen vote on 8/25/15. Members are residents of Hudson who volunteer to participate on the Committee. They are interviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen for 3-year terms, normally set to expire on April 30 of the third year. At the end of a term, members may apply to the Board of Selectmen to be re-appointed to the Committee. If there is a vacancy on the Committee because a member resigns or moves, it is advertised and filled by the Board of Selectmen to end on April 30 of the current term, or to fill the term of the absent member.

There are three officers of the Committee: Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman will create an agenda for each meeting and have it posted at least 24 hours prior to each meeting; will gather information for items on the agenda and provide it to the committee members; will preside over committee meetings; and will be the liaison between committee members and Town Staff and Selectmen. The Chairman will submit the Annual Report of the committee to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Town.

The Vice-Chairman will perform the duties of the chairman when the chairman is unable to do so; and will perform any other duties requested by the chairman or by the committee.

The Secretary will take minutes at the meetings; will write the minutes and present them to the members a minimum of one week prior to the next meeting; and will make any corrections noted at the meeting. The final minutes will be emailed to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen for filing. The final version will be made available to the public as soon as practicable through hudsonnh.gov, the official website for the town of Hudson.

A member of the committee may propose a new officership and its responsibilities, all of which must be approved by vote by a quorum of committee members.

QUORUM and VOTING

A majority of the regular members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At any meeting, if a regular member is absent, an Alternate may be seated in his/her place and is then included when defining a quorum and when votes are taken. Otherwise alternates participate in discussion but do not vote. At any meeting where a quorum is present, the acts of the majority of the members at such meeting shall be Acts of the Committee. Any member unable to attend a meeting shall notify an officer of the committee in advance of the meeting as soon as possible.

Meetings shall follow an abridged version of Robert's Rules of Order: Members will request permission to speak from the Chairman and will address the Committee through the Chairman. One person at a time has permission to speak and will be identified so the TV camera can focus on each speaker.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00PM in one of the Town Meeting Rooms. All meetings are open to the public. If the regular meeting day is a holiday or in a holiday season, the meeting may be canceled, or another date may be chosen by consensus of the members. The Town Administrators office will be notified of any changes in the meeting schedule as voted on by the members. The revised meeting dates will be posted in a timely manner on the Town Calendar.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Sustainability Advisory Committee's mission will be best achieved by collaboration among the members characterized by mutual suggestions and open communication. Members are expected to serve as advocates for the charge, and as such, could include, but are not limited to attend public meetings speaking respectfully on any recommendation that shall be made. Members should ask questions and seek clarification to ensure they understand cumulative interests, concerns, and objectives. Deliberation and debate should be constructive and courteous with every effort made to reach consensus. Recommendations put forth shall be those which the members concur through comprehensive discussion and are accountable to the Board of Selectmen.

BUDGET

The Sustainability Advisory Committee will have a line within the Town of Hudson General Fund Budget, 01-4199-5055, in which certain expenditures will be listed that provide the necessary funds to meet the mission. At no time shall the budget be over expended moreover use thereof shall be requested in advance through the Town Administrators office. Each year the committee shall prepare a budget request with justification to the Town Administrator by September to be requested for the upcoming fiscal year.

APPOINTMENTS and SUB COMMITTEES

All appointments and/or the prospect of sub-committee initiatives shall be brought to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and confirmation. It shall be the directive of the Chair to deliver a memorandum thereof clearly outlining the need and desire for such a request.

REPORTING

The Sustainability Advisory Committee will make arrangements to present to the Board of Selectmen on a yearly basis to review all activities, accomplishments, and set future goals. Scheduling will be done through the Town Administrators office.

Addendum B

2025-06-23 CPCNH Update for SAC Meeting

Latest HCP Enrollment numbers for Hudson:

As of the end of May:

- Total CPCNH Accounts: 8,843 (out of 12,830 Eversource accounts); CPCNH account total was 8,890 last month (Eversource was 12,827)
- Community Participation Rate (since launch): 69%; down 1% from last month

Opt Action & Product Election data:

- Opt-Ins (since launch): 4.4% (3 new this past month); was 4.4% (2) last month
- Opt-Outs (since launch): 4.8% (2 new this past month); was 4.7% (10) last month
- Granite Basic: 99.6%
- Granite Plus: 0.2%
- Clean 50: 0.1%
- Clean 100: 0.1%

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 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.

This month, June, CPCNH is meeting to determine rates for the new rate period beginning 8/1/25 through 1/31/26. The new rate will be posted at www.Communitypowernh.gov by 7/1/25.

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

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