



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes



Town Hall, 12 School, Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 • Tel: 603-886-6018 • Fax: 603-594-1143

August 25, 2025
Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** 7:01pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:** None
4. **Attendance:** Craig and Debra Putnam excused, Heidi Jakoby (Selectman Liaison), Ed Thompson, Jake Keller, Bob Larson, Chris Thatcher, Kate Messner, Karl Huber (Chairman). Alyssa Hanley, Jay Twardosky (Director of Public Works) were absent.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** July 28, 2025 – Motion to approve by Bob Larson, seconded by Jake Keller. Chris Thacher abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report: 21.98% for July** (Was included in packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** (Was included in packet). Will eventually reflect expenditure for toys for National Night Out – less than \$50.00 and the reuseable vegetable bags. Need to amend the amount of funds allowed to be spent on the vegetable bags. Kate Messner made a motion to increase the amount from \$125.00 to \$194.61 – an increase of \$69.61. Total number of bags received = 300 (100 X 3 bag cards), seconded by Jake Keller. Motion passed unanimously.
 - \$300.00 for Black Earth Carnival Truck for Pumpkin Smash not due until after the Nov.8 event. Motion to appropriate by Chris Thatcher, seconded by Bob Larson. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **DPW and Hudson Transfer Station:** Casella has a new phone number: 800-227-3552
The “2025 Solid Waste Brochure” is available 24/7 through both the DPW Transfer Station Hours & Rules web page. The next two dates when the Transfer Station will be fully open are August 30 and Sept. 13, 2025 – 8:00am-12:00pm. This information can be found on the town website as well.
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next collection event: Saturday September 27, 8am - noon, Nashua Park and Ride, 25 Crown Street, Nashua. Please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> with questions.
Important: The Lithium-Ion Battery Disposal Ban is now in effect statewide. Lowes, Home Depot and Staples, all in Nashua, have drop off locations. HCTV is regularly showing a slide. (Detailed flyer was in packet)
9. **National Night Out- August 5th** at the Rodgers Memorial Library: Jake Keller and Kate Messner gave feedback on the event. Composting and recycling were main topics on the questionnaire and highest response. Styrofoam was one material that was noted that residents are

interested in recycling. Many people are interested in weekly recycling, currently it is bi-weekly. Interest in a swap shop at the transfer station especially for unused tools and materials that still have life. Community gardens was another topic residents were interested in. Survey showed that residents would be interested in composting if it was convenient to process. Action item for next steps is to put a short report together of the top 3 items to present to the Board of Selectmen (BOS).

10. **Hudson Old Home Days:** Report was provided by Heidi Jakoby, Jake Keller and Kate Messner.
11. **Budget Proposal for 2026-2027:** Report by Chris Thatcher of the proposed budget included in packet. Heidi Jakoby to advise timeline that must be met to submit the Budget Proposal for it to be seriously considered. Chairman to reach out to Town Administrator to inquire when state road cleanups will be scheduled again. Action item to propose the next budget (\$1300 plus 2.5%) for next meeting.
12. **Charter** – First Draft in pdf format released to all members, alternates and Selectman Liaison. (was included in packet). Discussion and revisions will be an ongoing process over multiple meetings. Finalizing was tabled until next meeting. Members please be ready to vote to accept the charter at the next meeting.
13. **Possible Grants available to the Town of Hudson:** Bob Larson updated members. Sara Brock will be attending the next meeting to present to the committee from Clean Energy. Grant program outline will be included and the changes at the state level regarding the monies now available. Bob will reach out to get confirmation of Ms. Brock's attendance.
14. **The next meeting:** September 22nd, 2025, at 7pm
15. **Committee Member Comments:** Selectman Liaison Jacoby thanked the committee for their efforts at Old Home Days. She also commented that Mayer Tree Services Inc has been awarded a 1 yr contract for removing yard waste. This is NOT for household waste.
16. **Motion for Adjournment:** By Ed Thompson, seconded by Bob Larson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:29pm.

*Edward Thompson, Secretary
Hudson Sustainability Advisory Committee*

Sept 17th, 2025