



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee Minutes



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July 28, 2014 – 7PM

Hudson Town Hall - 12 School St., Hudson, NH 03051

Buxton C.D. Meeting Room

1. Call to Order By:

The meeting was called to order by Leo Bernard at 7:15

2. Attendance By:

Frank Rosier, Leo Bernard, Cheryl Freed, , Cecilia Nickerson, Tianna Begonis and Lisza Elliott

Absent excused: Ben Nadeau, Linda Kipnes, Debra Putnam, Jason Shoemaker, Uday Khatry and Margaret Femia

3. Public Input:

None

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the meeting of June 23rd, 2014 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Cheryl and seconded by Cecilia. The motion passed 5-0. April minutes will be reviewed at our next meeting.

5. Reports:

- **Trash Tonnage Report** – The report showed a decrease from May at 30 to 25%. The FY in total was 27%. This is below the 30% that the committee would like the town to achieve. The report was distributed to the committee in the spreadsheet format so that the members can compare the year over year totals.
- **Expenditure Report** – The budget for the committee has remained at 3500 dollars for the new FY.
- **Next Clean Up Day** – The next cleanup day will be August 30, 2014, 8am to 12pm, pass needed.
- **Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection** –The next day will be Saturday, August 2, 2014 8am to 12pm Nashua Public Works Garage at 9 Stadium Drive Nashua. There is a 10 dollar charge for some items and hazardous waste.
- **Yard Waste Disposal** – Every Saturday From 8am until Noon (April – November and no pass required). The yard waste is taken by Pinard and composted at another location according to Kevin Burns, Hudson Road Agent.
- **Holiday Schedule** – The next holiday for Recycling is Labor Day on Monday, September 1, 2014. All pickups will move back one day to the following day after their normal day. A reminder will be on the committee Facebook page.
- **HLN Column & E-mails** – The next column will be centered on getting large items out of the waste stream. An upcoming column could center on personal residence energy audits.
- **Energy Items** – No energy items to review at this meeting.

6. Old Business:

- **Old Home Days** – The committee is interested in attending the event however the OHD committee has decided that all presenters must be available for all the hours covered which are as follows: Thursday, August 14th 5:00 - 11:00pm / Friday, August 15th 5:00 - 11:00pm / Saturday, noon to 11:00pm & Sunday, Noon to 5:00pm. The committee's members feel there is not enough traffic after sun down to warrant our participation and have decided not to attend the event due to the new interpretation of the rules by the OHD committee. The committee hopes to attend the event in the future.

7. New Business:

- **Committee Name** – The Hudson BOS have changed the name of the committee from Hudson Recycling and Energy Committee to the Hudson Sustainability Committee at their last meeting. This change is effective immediately. The committee will work to adjust all its letterhead and correspondence to reflect the new name. The committee will look into ideas to update the committee signage at a low cost and Cheryl will explore a new email address. She will see if sustainhudson@gmail.com is available.
- **Member of the NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association)** – The committee may be a member of NRRA and Leo will investigate if we are actually members and if not the committee will entertain membership.
- **Town Clean-up Day** – The next clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, 9/20 with a rain date of Saturday 9/27. The committee will work to determine a road that will be cleaned at this event. Burns Hill Road is the possible site as well as Pelham Road and the committee will pose these streets to the BOS for approval. The committee will advertise the meeting in the HLN. The Hudson Boy Scout troop has volunteered to assist and the committee will ask Planet Aid if they would like to assist again.
- **Other Business** – Hudson Boy Scout troop was looking for a project. Bicycle recycling was mentioned at a prior meeting and could be a possible project for the troop. Cheryl will send a communication to Jason to get contact information for the bicycle recycler.
- **Upcoming events** – The committee will discuss Harvest Fest at our next meeting.

8. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison & Staff Comments:

Leo – Great that there are lots of ideas coming up. The committee is full but is in need of alternates. Public input is always welcome. Glad to see the name of the committee changed to Sustainability.

Frank – None

Cecilia – Cecilia would like to see more advertising about the clean-up days. Maybe the committee could put signage in some local businesses and parks.

Cheryl – Very excited about the new name of the committee and the upcoming clean-up day.

Lisza – Excited for the next roadside clean-up.

Tianna – Looking forward to the next roadside clean-up. She would like to see more public to assist. Tianna got a recycling program started at her place of business.

9. Selection of Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, 2014 at the Buxton C.D. meeting room at 7pm.

10. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made by Cheryl and seconded by Lisza. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Frank Rosier

07/28/2014



Frank Rosier, Clerk of Sustainability Committee

Date