



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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July 22, 2024
Buxton Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order at 7:00pm.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:** Chairman Deb Putnam, Craig Putnum, Kate Messner, Karl Huber, Chris Thatcher via conference call. E. Thompson and Bob Guessferd excused absence.
4. **Public Input: None**
5. **Presentation: Hydro Group Net Metering Options for Hudson by Howard Plante, from Freedom Energy Logistics.** Since 2016 the State of NH has provided a group net metering program (rebate for energy) to municipalities. Freedom Energy partners with renewable generators seeking members to offset their electricity production. Eligible municipalities act as proxy off takers, matching production with usage, and earning revenue. How it works: Municipalities partner with renewable generators. Act as proxy off-takers, matching production with usage. Keep using electricity as usual and receive a quarterly check. Available exclusively to New Hampshire cities, towns, and school districts. Not for residential. Next steps to review information present to town attorney and the BOS for consideration.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** June 24, 2024 – Motion to approve by C. Putnum, seconded by K. Huber. Motion passed 5-0.
7. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.40% for June 2024, FY 2024 – 22.80%
 - **Expenditure Report:** Balance in the account at end of fiscal year = \$651.30. **As of July 1, 2024 there is \$1300.00 in the account.**
8. **Hudson Transfer Station: As of July 1 each residence serviced by curbside collection will be allowed to purchase up to three additional Passes at \$30.00 per pass each calendar year. This news has not yet been announced on the Town website.**

The next two days the Transfer Station will be open: July 27 and August 10 - 8:00am-12:00noon The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday- no Pass is required. DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.

9. Hazardous Waste Collections: The next Hazardous Waste Collection days will be Saturday, August 24, 2024, 8 a.m. to Noon. **Location:** 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua
Please note that the next collection is not until October 5th - same time frame and location.
For more information please visit: www.nashuarpc.org

10. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC) Subcommittee– Karl Huber gave update as a follow up with subcommittee members Chris Thatcher and Ed Thompson. Continuing to work on a policy with procedures for roadside cleanups working with HPD, HFD, and DPW. When finalized, will be presented to the BOS.

11. Composting Subcommittee Updates: Chris Thatcher updated the SC regarding the meetings that have taken place and information presented by the two different companies: Renewal Compost and Black Earth. The ability for residents to participate via Zoom was established at the most recent meeting at the Rodgers Memorial Library – Children’s Program room. The booking of a meeting room at the library is accomplished by communication with Mark in the Research Department. There are opportunities out there, especially at Black Earth, to get a composting program initiated. Some of the options available could be operated out of the Hudson Transfer Station.

12. Hudson Community Power: Craig Putnam gave summary of the number of users now in program, noting that the number of “opt in” customers grew slightly last month. Craig also gave an update regarding the new Hudson Community Power per kWh rate to start August 1, 2024, which is 8.6 cents which represents a 17% discount compared to Eversource’s current rate. A reminder that all power delivery rates are going to be increasing for all CPCNH and Eversource customers by 6.57%. This increase was approved by the PUC of NH for Eversource.

The process of updating the Town website has been updated and all information pertaining to rates can be found there.

Craig made a motion to expend \$187.00 to have the Hudson Times include the chart of the new rates in the edition to be released in the next issue. Karl seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

13. National Night Out 2024 is on Tuesday August 6, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. New banners were displayed by Chairman Deb Putnam. The official banner will be attached to the front of the table. Members please be available to help set up, staff, and take down the exhibit. There will be new handouts from CPCNH (included in Packet as per note under “Hudson Community Power”). Per discussion and a vote during the June meeting there will be sidewalk chalk in Ziploc bags to give out to children that evening. Chris Thatcher to get “prizes” to give out in addition to sidewalk chalk. Arrangements need to be made to transport and set up the 10X10 pop-up tent....and then return it to the DPW. Members should bring their own camp chairs.

14. The next meeting – No August meeting, next meeting Sept. 23rd.

15. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

16. Adjournment: Craig made a motion to adjourn, and Kate seconded, all members voted in favor at 8:32pm.

Edward Thompson
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary Sept 19, 2024