



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Agenda



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September 23, 2024
Buxton Meeting Room

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Attendance:**
5. **Approval of Minutes:** July 28 , 2024 – Completed by Ed Thompson (included in Packet)
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.47%
 - **Expenditure Report:** See August report. Only expenditure so far - \$187.00 for Hudson Times notice regarding new electrical rates to start on August 1, 2024
7. **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: **September 28 and October 12** - 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.
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The last Hazardous Waste Collection day for the year will be October 5, 2024, 8 a.m. to Noon. **Location:** 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua
For more information please visit: www.nashuarpc.org
9. **Presentation during the July meeting:** Hydro Group Net Metering Options for Hudson by Howard Plante, from Freedom Energy Logistics. During the July meeting the members discussed- Next steps to review information present to town attorney and the BOS for consideration. Member discussion is needed as to if and how to move forward.
10. **Reports by Kate Messner:**

The state's CCAP – Comprehensive Climate Action Plan
Keep NH Green Environmental Summit (8/24/24)

11. Holiday Lights Recycling Program – We need to get things organized during the Sept. and October meetings. Awaiting call back from the South Nashua Lowes. The Amherst St. Lowes will be hosting the holiday lights recycling. They will be able to advise when the bin will be put out in early October once Christmas Decorations are on display.

12. Upcoming Electronics Recycling event:

The Hudson Litchfield Rotary Club and the environment is asking for your help by donating your useless electronics, such as computers, cell phones, and ACs, to Alvirne High School **on October 19.**

With the funds raised, Rotary gives Scholarships, helps the food pantry, provides water sanitation worldwide, provides polio vaccines, and supports many local and international projects.

At the Hudson Litchfield Rotary Club, we live by the motto Service Above Self. When you join us, even if it's just for one event, you become part of a collective effort. Your contribution, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

(Flyer included in Packet)

13. 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. **Please review the Draft documents included in the Packet before arrival at the meeting. Please be prepared to discuss possible edits and perhaps text to be added.**

14. Composting Subcommittee Updates: Chris Thatcher and other members of the subcommittee will update members.

15. Update on Hudson Community Power enrollments as presented by Craig Putnam

From the June BOD meeting:

- Annual Rates: CPCNH is working toward offering an annual fixed rate for non-residential customers (mainly municipalities and school districts but commercial accounts may also be interested). The timing for the delivery of this type of rate is dependent on when communities need to know the rate for their budgeting needs. CEO Callnan is looking for feedback from Members regarding those timelines. CPCNH is hoping to offer two time periods January 2025 – December 2025 and July 2025 – June 2026.

There was no BOD meeting in July.

From the August BOD meeting:

- The new CPCNH rates for the fall rate period are the lowest rate among the utilities in the state and the lowest six-month rate available of all energy suppliers currently offering rates. For every rate offering since going live (four now), CPCNH has been lower in cost than the three investor-owned utilities and for the last three offerings CPCNH has been lower than the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.
- Three new towns (Cornish, Langdon, and Newington) were admitted as CPCNH members bringing the total to 63. As many as 20 additional communities are planning to launch starting October 1st.
- “NEM 3.0” Docket 22-060: CPCNH is an intervener in this docket which asks the PUC to consider important questions about possible changes to Net Energy Metering (NEM), including whether avoided transmission costs should be considered.

16. National Night Out 2024 was on Tuesday August 6, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. New Sustainability Committee banner was displayed....along with an official CPCNH banner. About 50 sticks of sidewalk chalk were given out to children that evening. Chris Thatcher contributed “prizes” to give out in addition to sidewalk chalk- especially to those who contributed a plastic or glass bottle or can to one of the Recycle “bins” set up. Information cards issued by CPCNH explaining the new electrical rates

effective August 1 were available. Subsequent to the evening, Craig distributed the CPCNH information cards to the Town Hall and Senior Center. Please let Craig and or Debbie know if you want to have some to put out at other places in Hudson.

17. The next meeting – October 28, 2024

18. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

19. Adjournment:

Debra Putnam
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair *September 19, 2024*