



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Agenda



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October 28, 2024
Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Attendance:**
5. **Approval of Minutes:** September 23, 2024 – Prepared by Ed Thompson (Included in Packet)
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.75% (Report included in Packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** (Report included in Packet) only one expenditure to date– Hudson Times \$187.00 Electrical Rate Chart.
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. (See DPW wall sign included in Packet) The next two days the Transfer Station will be open: **October 26 and November 9 - 8:00am-12:00noon** The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday- **NO** Pass is required. As of this meeting the DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson.
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** Another date was added to the schedule - Saturday November 2, 2024, 8:00 AM – Noon At the Nashua Public Works Garage, 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua. Who Can Attend: Residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham. *Businesses, please call at least two weeks in advance to pre-register.* Cost: \$15 fee per vehicle, for up to 10 gallons (liquids) or 20 pounds (solids). Cash or check accepted, carpooling encouraged. **No Latex/Acrylic Paint, No Electronics, No Medications** For more information and a complete list of accepted items, please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570. NOTE: Old medications can be dropped off at the Hudson Police Department. Syringes can be dropped off at local hospitals.

- 9. Hydro Group Net Metering Options for Hudson presented by Howard Plante, of 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. Discussion on this topic was tabled until the Oct meeting.
- 10. Holiday Lights Recycling Program** – See rough draft of a flyer for the 2024 collection season. (included in Packet) The Amherst St. Lowes will be hosting the holiday lights recycling. Seven Boxes have been decorated but the flyer/notice needs to be added. We have received commitments from the Rec. Department, Senior Center, Town Hall, Rodgers Memorial Library and a member will manage the collection at Shepards Hill. C. Thatcher and D. Putnam reached out to the Scouts to determine if the Scouts want to get involved again. It is hoped we will have more info in time for the Oct 28 meeting. Members need to discuss advertising options along with their respective costs and authorize the expenditure of X amount of funds to cover the costs through to the end of the collection period. Time to think dynamically – flyers, Hudson Times, email data bases held by Hudson Rec and Senior Center. Coordination with Alvirne HS....and possibly middle school.
- 11. Clean Energy Membership renewal and Conference:** Members need to authorize the expenditure of funds of \$300.00 to cover a Municipal membership which included two tickets (\$77.00 each) to the Conference.
Karl Huber and Jake Keller will be the members representing Hudson at the Conference. Communication between the Town Admin office and the lead coordinator/contact at Clean Energy has resulted in the proper paperwork now being on file. All that is needed is an email from the Chair to Town Admin Office confirming the authorization of the expenditure.
- 12. Budget for 2024 to 2025:** Review plans and ideas for the next fiscal year and the associated expenditures to expand the Sustainability Committee’s communication with residents and the development of fun activities along with increasing recycling – Pumpkin Smash event, National Night Out, Roadside Cleanups that include a Thank You lunch, Holiday Lights Recycling., sponsorship of a Sustainability badge through Troop 20, coordinating with Sustainability class through CTE at Alvirne HS, etc. Hudson Lions Club is very interested coordinating with the Sustainability Committee to create fun + learning events for residents throughout Hudson.
- 13. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC) Subcommittee–** Karl Huber, Chris Thatcher and Ed Thompson are 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 for uploading to the town website. J. Keller asked to be assigned to subcommittee.
- 14. Composting Subcommittee Updates:** Chris Thatcher and other members of the subcommittee will update members. Hudson Lions Club very interested in engaging in promoting composting.
- 15. Updates on Hudson Community Power as presented by Craig Putnam**
- 16. The next meeting** – November 25, 2024. Members to discuss whether to have a December meeting in light of the fact that the fourth Monday is December 23rd. The prior Monday is December 16. The Buxton Meeting Room is available. By the October meeting the Chair will find out if the HCTV team will be available to record/broadcast.
- 17. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**
- 18. Adjournment:**

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Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair Oct 22, 2024

