



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Agenda



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November 25, 2024
Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Attendance:**
5. **Approval of Minutes:** October 28, 2024 – Ed Thompson (included in Packet)
6. **Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.49% (Report included in Packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** Two checks were accidentally sent to Clean Energy for a Municipal Membership. The second check will be returned by Clean Energy and the \$300.00 credited back into the committee's account. (Report was included in Packet. It shows two \$300.00 disbursements) Correct balance is \$736.50.
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. The dates the Transfer Station will be open: **Nov 30th and Dec 28th** - 8:00am-12:00noon. The Transfer Station is open for yard waste, metal & cardboard drop-offs 8am-12noon every Saturday but **only April through November- NO** Pass is required. Thus, the Transfer Station will **not** be open on Saturdays in December through until the beginning of April for metal, cardboard, yard waste other than the scheduled Transfer Station Open Dates. DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The Saturdays the Transfer Station will be open in 2025 should be released before this committee's meeting on December 16, 2024. See the town website for more information.
8. **Hazardous Waste Collections:** The 2024 collection season has ended. The next collection event will be in April 2025. Update-Cost: \$20 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 (in a hard shell container) can be dropped off at local hospitals SNHMC and St. Joe's Hospital.

- 9. Holiday Lights Recycling Program** – Five decorated collection boxes were deployed by the start of the program – November 11th. Four boxes (one each) went to the Rec. Department (Community Center), Senior Center, Town Hall, and Rodgers Memorial Library. A fifth decorated box was delivered to Karl who will manage the collection at Shepards Hill.

The decorated boxes include an 11”X17” banner promoting and explaining the recycling program. A copy of the 11’X17” banner is included in the packet. A one-page flyer was emailed to the Rec. Department + Senior Center, Troop 20, the Lions Club and the Hudson Litchfield Rotary Club for them to distribute to their members via email. Troop 20 was advised that they are welcome to modify the Word docx as they wish to better serve their programs and goals – Christmas Tree Collection + Collection of broken strings of lights.

- 10. Clean Energy Conference:** Jake Keller and Karl Huber will share the information gathered from their in-person attendance and through viewing recordings of the presentations. (Clean Energy Municipal Membership doc included in Packet).
- 11. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC) Subcommittee**– K. Huber will give an update for the subcommittee regarding the progress made to date regarding activating the pages on the Town Website.
- 12. Composting Subcommittee Updates:** C. Thatcher, J. Keller, K. Huber, E. Thompson and D. Putnam will update members on recent activities. The Hudson Lions Club is very interested in promoting composting but their schedule did not allow time for D. Putnam to present at a recent meeting. Data has been requested from the Town Admin. A recent Zoom meeting of the subcommittee resulted in a couple of phone calls with the goal of gathering info. The whole idea is to divert waste away from the landfill which would save money for the town.
- 13. Hudson Community Power** – Craig & Kate will update members on the current statistics for Hudson Community Power as well as activities related to CPCNH.
- 14. Budget for 2025 to 2026:** The opportunity to present to the BOS asking for an increase in the Sustainability Committee’s budget for 2024-2025, has expired. In 2024 the committee must prepare to present to the BOS by the end of August to allow time for any request to increase the 2025-2026 budget to be seriously considered.
- 15. Hydro Group Net Metering Options for Hudson presented by Howard Plante, of Freedom Energy Logistics.** Members agreed to table discussion until the Jan 2025 meeting.
- 16. The next meeting** – December 16, 2024.

17. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:

18. Adjournment:

Debra Putnam
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair November 22, 2024