



# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Sustainability Committee

### Agenda



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**January 27, 2025**  
**Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Input:**
4. **Attendance:**
5. **Presentation by the Climate and Sustainability Group at Alvirne HS**

The invitation to present to the Sustainability Committee was extended by Chris Thatcher. Science Teacher Kathleen Murphy responded positively to the invitation. The idea is to work on ways the Sustainability Committee can help the group attain their goals regarding recycling and composting along with other goals they have identified.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** from December 16, 2024 – Ed Thompson
7. **Reports:**
  - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 22.72% (Report included in Packet)
  - **Expenditure Report:** Current balance is \$736.50. This balance does not reflect the expenditure of \$187.00 to publish the CPCNH Supply Rates starting Feb. 1 in the January 9<sup>th</sup> issue of the Hudson Times. (Report included in Packet)
8. **Hudson Transfer Station:** The new “**2025 Solid Waste Brochure**”, also showing up as the “2025 Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Guide,” is now available 24/7 through both the DPW Home Page and the Sustainability Committee Home Page. **CASELLA** created the multi-page document 9 (included in Packet). Please note that the last page addresses what can and cannot be recycled. The information can be accessed directly via [casella.com/RecycleBetter](https://casella.com/RecycleBetter). This page has been totally refreshed! Those residents with questions regarding trash collections or recycling that are not answered by reviewing the full document should call **CASELLA** – 603-623-7933 during normal business hours. DPW offices are open Monday-Thursday 6:00am – 4:00pm - 2 Constitution Drive, Hudson. The option of dropping off cut up cardboard, metal and/or yard waste on any Saturday will resume in April. The next two dates the Transfer Station will be fully open are February 22 & March 29 - 8:00am-12:00pm.

- 9. Hazardous Waste Collections:** The next collection event will be in April 2025. Please visit: <http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw> or call 603-417-6570.  
NOTE: Old medications can be dropped off in the bin within the vestibule at the Hudson Police Department. Syringes (in a hard-shell container) can be dropped off at local hospitals SNHMC and St. Joe's Hospital. The new CASELLA 2025 Solid Waste Brochure includes more information.
- 10. Holiday Lights Recycling Program** – Craig Putnam - It is clear that the residents of Hudson fully embraced the opportunity to recycle their broken strings of holiday lights instead of throwing them in the trash or trying to put them in with Metal Recycling which creates many problems. A total of 512lbs was dropped off in the collection boxes around town. Troop 20 also contributed to the total during their Christmas Tree pick up service. (Please see the chart and photos included in the packet.)
- 11. Hudson Community Power** – Craig will update the committee on news related to Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.
- 12. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC)**– A courtesy article was published in the January 9<sup>th</sup> edition of The Hudson Times including the group picture taken in front of the Burns Hill Fire Station. Upon review of the School System's schedule and the timing of Earth Day it came to light that **April 19<sup>th</sup>** will be the optimal day to host a Roadside Cleanup. The committee needs to vote on that date and, in February, sort out which road to focus on. The CRC committee will take the lead on communicating with the DPW, HPD and, if appropriate, the HFD on which road they recommend and can support the cleanup.
- 13. The Future:** The Sustainability Committee membership slots are all full for the first time in many years. The Sustainability Committee's **Mission Statement:**  
**The Sustainability Committee aims to increase energy efficiency, recycling, and proper waste disposal throughout the town of Hudson, New Hampshire. We promote sustainability best practices in our community through community outreach and public events. We advocate for the implementation of green policies, practices, and technologies to ensure a more sustainable town.**
- In order to attain these goals, we look to improve communication and collaboration with the departments, boards and committees in the Town of Hudson. Communication with the Selectmen Liaison and the DPW Director, as an ex officio member, is critical to optimizing the effectiveness of the Sustainability Committee.
- All are invited to share their ideas and thoughts on how to proceed. Examples are the report on the Walpole Recycling and Trash center as created by Kate Messner and the publicly available Trash and Recycling contract between Casella and the Town of Hudson. (both included in the Packet).
- As we move forward elections will be held in February, at least for a Vice Chair. The current Chair will be unable to attend the regular fourth Monday of the month meetings in April, June and August.**
- 14. The next meeting** – February 24, 2025 at 7pm.
- 15. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments:**
- 16. Motion for Adjournment:**

*Debbie Putnam*  
*Hudson Sustainability Committee, Chair*                      *Jan 24, 2024*