



TOWN OF HUDSON

Sustainability Committee

Minutes



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February 24, 2025, Buxton Meeting Room -7:00pm

- 1. Call to Order at 7:02pm**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Input:** None
- 4. Attendance:** Kate Messner, Bob Guessferd (Selectmen Liaison), Ed Thompson, Craig Putnam (seated for this meeting for K. Huber), Jake Keller, Debra Putnam (Chair). Alyssa Hanley excused and Karl Huber excused, Chris Thatcher absent, Bob Larson absent, Jay Twardowsky (Director of Public Works) or designee absent.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:** December 16, 2024 minutes, motion to approve by C. Putnam, seconded by J. Keller. Motion passed unanimously. January 27, 2025 minutes, motion to approve by J. Keller, seconded by C. Putnam, motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Reports:**
 - **Trash-Recycling Tonnage Report:** 23.65% (Included in Packet)
 - **Expenditure Report:** Current balance is \$736.50 (Included in Packet)
- 7. 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 Transfer Station Hours & Rules** and the Sustainability Committee page: **Recycling & Solid Waste Services Guide**. The committee will include an update during a future meeting as to when printed brochures will be available at the Town Hall and DPW.

Information specifically regarding recycling can be accessed directly via **casella.com/RecycleBetter**. 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 when the Transfer Station will be fully open are March 29 & April 12 – 8:00am-12:00pm.

CASELLA: Tony Belanger emailed links to two Casella Public Awareness Ads that CASELLA had produced for informational purposes on TV covering all regions where the company has a presence. Tony has authorized Hudson to use either one to help get the word out to Hudson residents through HCTV. Michael Johnson, Director of Community Media, has indicated HCTV's willingness to "broadcast" either, as long as a quick PSA (1-2 minutes) is recorded by either Jay Twardosky or his designee, or by a member of the Sustainability Committee, approved by Jay or his designee.

60sec: <https://app.air.inc/a/c0lc33jYN>

30sec: <https://app.air.inc/a/c2fe3hQOq>

8. 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 CASELLA 2025 Solid Waste Brochure includes more information.

9. Update on Sustainability initiatives beyond Hudson – "Re-Use and Zero Waste as the New Normal" attended by K. Messner Feb 10th. Approximately 100 people online for 2hr presentation, on programs to reduce plastic waste. Here is the link <<https://www.newhampshirenetwork.org/events>> to access the recording of 'Unwrap the Future: Reuse & Zero Waste as the New Normal', as well as the chat and presenter slides. Several of the groups were listed by Kate.

"10 towns" - rethinking plastic waste in your community. Please visit <https://www.10towns.org/> for more information.

"Upstream"- geared toward driving economies toward reuse. Please visit <https://upstreamolutions.org/>

"Just Zero" - focused on recycling and reducing waste. Please visit <https://just-zero.org/>

Others included groups focused on packaging and food waste reduction. Please visit the following address to obtain cards for thanking to use recyclable take out containers.

www.newhampshirenetwork.com

10. Hudson Community Power – C. Putnam updated the committee on news related to Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire. (Updated CPCNH Supply Rates included in Packet). There are now 9,065 accounts (71% of residents). Savings so far is approximately \$475k. Current rate is 8.9 cents/kWhr. The new rate will be 9.7 cents/kWhr. Effective Mar 3rd until July. The average customer's bill will increase by \$5 per month for supply charge.

New policies from the PUC were explained and could potentially only favor Eversource. House Bill 760 needs to be reviewed as it is designed to protect ratepayers. Residents are urged to contact their NH House Representatives to support this bill.

Please go to the following two sites for explanation of bill. The second article geared towards ratepayers.

<https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/nh/2025/bills/NHB00013255/>

<https://nhjournal.com/garrity-fair-markets-and-protecting-new-hampshire-ratepayers-why-we-need-hb-760/>

11. Legislation to Address Climate Change – presentation by Bob Larson, postponed until next meeting-.

12. Community Roadside Cleanup (CRC) – Decision was made to schedule cleanup on **Webster St on April 19th**. Karl Huber is communicating with the DPW, HPD and, if appropriate, the HFD as we move closer to that date. Two courtesy articles have been published in the Hudson Times, and the cleanup was advertised at the polls. Parking for volunteers will be announced at a later meeting.

13. The Future: We look to improve communication and collaboration with the departments, boards and committees in the Town of Hudson with the Selectmen Liaison and the DPW Director, as an ex officio member, involvement being key to the effectiveness of the Sustainability Committee.

The election of Vice Chair was postponed until the next meeting.

15. Next meeting – March 24, 2025, at 7pm.

16. Committee Member & Selectman Liaison Comments: B. Guessferd expressed his appreciation of the committee and his desire to continue if re-elected as a selectman.

17. Motion for Adjournment made by E. Thompson, seconded by K. Messner. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13pm

Edward Thompson
Hudson Sustainability Committee, Secretary

March 18, 2025