

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2024

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Janet Lewis, Russ Dann, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.

The minutes of the April 25 meeting were approved.

Old trailers- Russ talked about the old trailers that he has been looking at to use for additional storage at the Recycling Center. He looked at them again recently, and also had Bob Martel of M&S Trailers give his opinion on them. It was decided that they were not good enough to use for storage. Russ said that Bob will let him know if M&S has any old trailers that they might consider selling cheap, or maybe even consider donating.

Metal pile- Dick asked on the status of re-doing the scrap metal bunker. It is in need of being rebuilt due to much needed improvements to the bunker. Also, because long-time volunteer Roland Girard will be ceasing his long-time work separating valuable metals, the area he has used for sorting will be converted to addition bunker space. Roland will continue his sorting of metals until the Fall. Russ said that he is not sure if Chuck has a specific plan yet, but he will talk to him and update the committee on any new plans. One of the issues with re-doing the bunker will be how to clean up the pile before any new construction work is done. This will be difficult as the bottom of the pile is a mix of small metal pieces and dirt. Russ will ask Chuck if he knows how they can clean out the bunker. When the new bunker is constructed it will have a concrete base to keep dirt from mixing with the metals.

Community Power- At the previous meeting, Dick had asked what the status of Community Power program was. The Community Power Committee recent meeting minutes were reviewed, and the minutes noted that they were on track to join the program, and they were hoping for an October 1st launch. We will check on any future updates for this.

On the subject of power supply Dick said that we should also speak with Ryan Polson from Standard Power. The town currently has a contract with Standard Power to supply town facilities with lower power rates than Eversource offers. Standard Power is also focused on getting as much power as possible from renewable energy sources, such as hydro. All committee members were in favor of inviting Ryan to our next meeting. This will give us the opportunity to get updates on the Standard Power program and ask about how this fits in with the Community Power program.

Glass recycling –Dick asked about glass recycling. He said there is a new program in Indiana and they are making money recycling glass using this new program. Russ was asked to get some info from Chuck so we know where our glass is going and if we are making any money on it. Al said he that the last time he spoke to Chuck about glass, he said it was being taken by Waste Management. They have the glass processed into a sandy texture, which is used for landfill cover at the Turnkey Landfill. Al is not sure if they are still doing this, but will look into the Indiana program to see if it's something that could be done in this area.

Landfills- Janet said she heard that people are strongly objecting to a new landfill being proposed in Dalton, NH. The people are concerned about the landfill leaching toxic material into the surrounding ground area. Al said that from his past research, he knows that all landfills are strictly regulated by EPA and the state's DES. They require that landfills be lined with a special liner material, and the landfill must be capped with new cover material every day. They continually check the ground of surrounding landfills on a regular basis, so that they can detect any contamination of leachate from decomposing materials.

Roadside pick-up- Al said that when he was doing some roadside pick-up last week, he saw a group of people picking up along the road near the post office. He spoke to one of them, and they said that it was the Community Women's Club, and they did this four times a year. Al said this was very good to hear, but wished we had a program that would involve more town people and cover more roads. Russ said that the Boy Scouts had been doing some roadside clean-up also. Russ said maybe we should work on organizing some groups together, so we can do specific planning for roadside clean-up. Maybe plan on one or two events per year, and plan it for April. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.

July meeting- Russ suggested that because a lot of people will be busy in July that we should skip having a meeting that month. A vote was taken and all were in favor of skipping the July meeting.

Next meeting will be June 27th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member