

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2024

Attendance:

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

Revise May minutes- Dick noted that the glass recycling program we discussed at our last meeting was in Louisiana, not Nebraska as noted in the minutes. Al will change it and will send in revised minutes.

Contaminated oil tank- Russ said that oil that was recently sent to be recycled was found to be contaminated with brake fluid and will cost thousands of dollars to dispose of. Russ said this is the first time this has ever happened and we will need to do some things to avoid from having this happen again. The waste oil tanks are well monitored by the Recycling Center staff, and they have procedures set up to avoid this from happening. Residents cannot pour anything into the tanks-they must leave it in containers in front of the tanks. What might have happened is that someone put brake fluid into an oil container, and because it looked alright, the staff poured it into the waste oil tank. They have no means of checking the fluid in the containers. Russ said we need to find ways to inform residents on making sure they only bring in oil that can be recycled properly, with no contamination from other fluids. Russ said maybe we could make a flyer on proper oil recycling. He will also contact the webmaster to have her post something on the town website. We will need to do some research to see if there might be an easy way for the staff to test fluids that are dropped off.

Dick asked if there might be an alternative way to recycle the oil locally, such as someone that has a waste oil furnace. Russ noted that oil recycling is regulated by the state, and must be handled by a company that is certified to handle and haul the oil. Russ said that the most important thing we need to do right now is to inform people about proper oil recycling. Russ said one idea would be to hand out information about this at the next Old Home Day.

Old Home Day- Janet said that Old Home Day would be on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Russ asked the committee if we should have a booth as we did last year. All agreed that we should be there. Janet said she would make the reservation for our booth. Our next meeting will not be until August 22<sup>nd</sup>, so we will need to make sure we have everything ready to go, and we will review this at our August meeting.

Metal pile update- Dick asked when the revamping of the metal pile might happen. Russ said that this is not being worked on yet, but it is something that will be worked on at a later date.

Community Power- There are no new updates right now on the Community Power program, but we will keep track for any future updates.

Landfills- Janet said she had heard that the proposed new landfill in Dalton, NH would be accepting mostly trash from out-of-state. Al said that the landfill that our trash goes to is Turnkey Landfill in Rochester, and they also accept a large amount of trash from out-of-state. Although the state has made some attempts to limit out-of-state trash, they have not gotten any legislation passed. Another recent bill to limit out-of-state trash has also failed.

Plastic bag recycling- We have been recycling plastic bags for a while, and they have been brought to a Hannaford store in Northwood. Russ said that Chuck is going to try something new- he will try to collect enough bags and will then try to bale them. If this works, it could greatly help the plastic bag recycling, as the material would be worth more, and also could be shipped directly to a company that would recycle them, rather than having the staff bringing them to the Northwood Hannaford.

Glass recycling- Al reviewed the Globe story on glass recycling that Dick mentioned at the last meeting. The article was about two students at Tulane University that were concerned about all the glass that was going to a landfill, as there was no recycling program for it. They purchased a glass pulverizer and started grinding glass into a sand texture material and selling it for use in making things such as sand bags, flooring, landscaping, and other uses. Although their business is not yet making a profit, they have expanded the business substantially.

Al said that with our current program, glass is being reused by Waste Management. They have it ground up to a sand texture, called PGA (Processed Glass Aggregate) and then they use it for cover at the Turnkey landfill. We do get charged \$40 per ton, but it is being reused, and it is much less costly than having it going into the landfill, which is an \$80 per ton fee. Glass recycling is very complicated, as there are some major obstacles with every option. The state uses a limited amount of PGA for road construction, but it's expensive to process, and also needs to be mixed with regular sand. Processing glass into new glass containers is also not feasible for us, as it requires that it be separated by color, stored separately, and then transported a long distance to a glass recycler. Al said that he feels what we are currently doing with glass is the best option.

Roadside pickup-There are several efforts to do roadside trash pickup. It was noted that Boyd Chivers was trying to get people together to help with roadside pickup sometime soon. Russ had also talked about setting up a formal roadside pickup for next spring. Also it was mentioned that the Candia Women's Club does regular roadside pickup along a section of Route 27. Russ said that the state picks up the bags that they put the roadside trash in, but unfortunately the trash is not sorted and recycled. Al said that Chuck offered to set up a sorting area at the Recycling Center so that recyclable materials could be removed. Al offered to do sorting of any roadside bags. Russ also said that there are bags available for anyone doing roadside pickup, available at the Recycling Center and at the Town Office.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee