

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2024

Attendance:

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

Old Home Day, Saturday, Aug 24th- Discussion took place on what we would need and who would be at the Recycling & Energy booth that has been reserved for us. Janet said she will have canopy cover, and Russ will have a table we can use. Al will bring signage and literature. The schedule of events was reviewed, and committee members will be there early to get everything set up. Russ said we also need to get a large bag of plastic bags to display, and a Trex bench to show people what excellent things can be made out of the Trex plastic that is produced from bags. Also, the wood carving "Oscar" also needs to be there. The carving is Oscar jumping out of a trash can, and is something that children really love to see. Clay said he will pick up bags, the bench, and Oscar and bring them to the park early that morning.

Household Hazardous Waste is unfortunately scheduled for the same day as Old Home Day. Russ explained that for years, we have had the same weekend in September scheduled with Clean Harbors. What happened this year is that the lady that keep this scheduled for us over the years had retired from Clean Harbors, and the previous schedule was not passed along to the person that was now doing the scheduling. A very unfortunate circumstance, but we had no choice as there were no other dates available with Clean Harbors.

Contaminated oil- Russ brought this up at the previous meeting. One of the oil storage tanks that are used to hold oil to be recycled was found to be contaminated with a liquid that made the entire 500 gallon tank contaminated. Russ said it will cost a lot of money to have this disposed of. He said the tank has not been pumped out yet and is not sure when that will happen, but it is not interfering with oil that is being brought to the Recycling Center. This is the first time the Recycling Center has had oil in the tanks contaminated. The staff closely monitors what is being dropped off, and the staff empty the oil containers dropped off by residents into the holding tanks. There was discussion on trying to find a way to avoid contamination from occurring again, but from what we have researched so far, this is no feasible way to test every container that comes in. Russ said he is working on getting a sign that can be posted near that tanks that will make it clear what can be recycled.

Dick asked about town-wide roadside trash pickup. Russ confirmed that we will do this in the spring, and try and get the Boy Scouts and other people involved. We can also supply any people that help with bags from NH the Beautiful that they supply at no charge to help encourage people to participate in roadside cleanups.

Al said on the subject of roadside pickup that he recently noticed some very large items on the side of Old Candia Road. There was a large bureau, a mini-refrigerator, pillows, and other items. Later that day, he brought his truck over to pick the items up and get them to the Recycling Center. He found that in the bureau there was a piece of paper with a name and address on it. He asked if he should turn in the information to the Candia Police. Everyone said this should be reported. Al said he will file a report and turn it in with pictures of the items.

Trailer in Raymond- Al said he saw an old trailer for sale in Raymond. He asked if Chuck is still in need of a trailer to use for storage. Russ said definitely get some info on it and also ask if the seller might donate it to the town. Al will look into this and will report what he finds out.

Household Hazardous Waste- there was a review of what items can or cannot be accepted. Things such as latex paint are not hazardous, but similar looking cans that have oil based paints in them are hazardous. Janet-asked if spray cans of paint are considered hazardous waste. Clay said they are not hazardous and can be thrown in with other cans to be recycled. Clay said it's best to get the aerosol out of the can by spraying it upside down before disposing of it. It was also mentioned that with the Clean Harbors standard protocols, they do not accept any items that are not hazardous. This prevents the town from being charged for non-hazardous items.

Glass recycling- Janet handed out copies of an article from NH Highways magazine, which mentioned using recycled glass to reconstruct a trail in Merrimack. The material is called "Glavel," or foamed glass aggregate. This is something we could look at if this glass recycling program expands enough to be able to accept glass from towns.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member