

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2024

Attendance:

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

Plastic bag recycling- Russ said that the Recycling Center made their very first bale of plastic bags. He said the weight of the bale is 1200+ pounds. Previously, they had been collected loose in large bags, and brought to a Hannaford store in Northwood. Now that the Recycling Center has successfully compressed the bags into a bale, they can now be shipped out. Also, we should be able to get paid for the material, rather than Trex offering us free benches as they have previously done. The plastic bag program has been a trial effort since inception, but it now looks like making bales will be the best way to handle the material. Also, Russ said that a sign is being made that will clearly identify the plastic bag recycling area.

Contaminated oil in storage tank- Russ said that Chuck is looking into a different company to pick up the waste oil. Chuck told Russ that others may be less expensive than Clean Harbors. He will also have the tank re-tested to check the contamination level before it is taken away.

Sign on hill- Russ said there was a new 'Candia Recycling Center' sign with large letters (about 3' tall) placed on the hill adjacent to the building. Al said he saw the sign a couple of days ago and said it looked great. Russ showed a picture of it to the committee and everyone thought it looked very good.

HHWD- Russ said that Chuck was able to set up next year's Household Hazardous waste date for the same Saturday in September as we have done in the past. This year Chuck could only get a date for HHWD that unfortunately lined up with Old Home Day because of Clean Harbors scheduling issues. The September date for next year will work out much better because it won't interfere with Old Home Day. Chuck set this up with a different company and will not be using Clean Harbors again.

Janet made a motion that we accept the meeting minutes of September 26th. A vote was taken and all approved the minutes.

Dick asked if the re-vamping of the metal pile will be moving forward. Russ said that it will happen but there is no timeline set for the project yet.

Storage trailers- Finding additional storage for the Recycling Center is an on-going project. Gail asked if she should look into a company she knows that has shipping containers, and may have some older containers that they might offer at a low price or maybe even donate. All agreed that she should find out if they have any available.

Brush near Brown Road- Dick said he saw some brush and construction demo that was dumped into a marsh area near Brown Road. He said that it is wetlands and these things should not have been dumped there. Al said he will look at that this coming weekend.

Dick asked about the status of the Community Power program. He suggested we get some updates on getting power from various resources, especially because Eversource has lowered their rates and we should know where we stand on the power rates. He suggested we also get updated on the status of the contract we signed with Standard Power.

Next meeting-Because the 4th Thursday of November and December line up with holidays, it was decided to cancel, rather than try to re-schedule those two meetings. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member