

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2025

Attendance:

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

Other attendees: Cinny Griswold- Swap Shop volunteer, and Chuck Whitcher- Candia Recycling Center Facility Supervisor.

The minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting were approved.

Chuck talked about the request he had from Deerfield to have their residents use the Candia Recycling Center to recycle items that their facility cannot currently handle. He said that he generally supports the idea of Deerfield residents bringing recycling materials to Candia, but there would have to be limitations. One of the limitations would be for them to come only on Wednesdays and Thursdays so that the Recycling Center would not have to deal with a high volume traffic that might be difficult to handle. He said that they often have a high volume of traffic on Saturdays and Sundays, and sometimes cars fill up all the spaces at the drop off area. Deerfield residents would only be able to bring recycling items that the Recycling Center earns revenue for, and they would not be allowed to drop off trash, because of disposal costs. Also, they would not be allowed to bring any recyclables that do not earn any revenue, such as glass. There should also be special windshield stickers made up that would specifically show they are Deerfield residents. The stickers are important because the Recycle Center staff would need to be able to identify their vehicles and make sure they follow their specific guidelines. They would pay a fee for the stickers. Chuck suggested the sticker fee should be \$25.

Cinny asked that if they pay for stickers, would the sticker fee pay for household trash they want to drop off? Chuck said that would not work, because the sticker fees would be a small fraction of the cost to dispose of household trash- this is due to landfill fees and transportation costs. Gail asked if Deerfield should send their own staff over to monitor the Deerfield residents. Chuck replied that he does not think that is necessary, as he would also want to set a limit on the number of Deerfield residents that could use the Recycling Center so that monitoring would be easier. He said that we should probably limit the number of Deerfield residents to 50.

The list of items they could bring in was reviewed. Russ asked if plastic bags should be included on the list of acceptable items. Chuck said plastic bags could be allowed, but it is still a pilot program for the facility and he will decide on this later.

Al suggested that to make sure the Deerfield residents know how this specific recycling program will work, that we should make up a piece of literature that gives the specifics of what items they can bring, what days/hours they can drop off, and what any other limitations are.

Dick made a motion that we take a vote to determine if the committee is in favor of moving forward on a plan to allow Deerfield residents to use the Recycling Center.

A vote was taken and all unanimously agreed that we should continue to move ahead with the planning on this.

Russ said that the next step should be to bring the idea of Deerfield using the Recycling Center to the Board to see if they will approve the idea and the overall plan. After discussion of the timeline and future planning, Russ said he will get this on the agenda for the February 10th Board meeting. Russ said it would be helpful if committee members also came to the meeting.

It was suggested that we try to set up a meeting with the Deerfield Recycling Committee to make sure they agree with and accept the plan we put together. It would also be an opportunity for us to answer any questions they may have. We could also see if they could give us an estimate of how many people that they think might participate.

The committee's next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 27th, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch,
Recycling & Energy Committee member