

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minute
March 27, 2025

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Chuck Whitcher, Boyd Chivers, Dick Snow, Russ Dann, and Al Couch. Boyd is now the Selectman's rep for the Recycling Committee.

Chuck opened the meeting with discussion on the status of the request from Deerfield to have their residents bring recyclables to the Candia Recycling Center.

Chuck said that after extensive discussion with Suzanne Steele, Chair of the Deerfield Recycling Committee, that it is not feasible to have Deerfield residents use our recycling center. The primary reason is that it might cause problems with too much traffic, even if they were limited to having access only on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Also, it would not look good to Candia residents seeing Deerfield people using the Candia Recycling Center.

Chuck said that we have already helped them, however, because due to encouragement from the Candia people they have spoken to, Deerfield has contacted their waste hauler, Casella, and found out that some items they originally thought were not being recycled, actually were being recycled. They also found out that due to internal problems with the Casella billing system, they were not getting reimbursed for the items that were being recycled by Casella. This was a major revelation for the Deerfield committee which prompted them to set up a meeting with Casella to discuss the issue. They are now getting reimbursed for the items that Casella is recycling.

Chuck said that he will continue to offer tours of the Candia Recycling Center to Deerfield residents, so they can see how a well set-up recycling system works, and how it could be properly implemented in Deerfield if they made changes to what they are currently doing. Recycling is not currently mandatory in Deerfield.

Also, he said that the Deerfield committee will have to put some effort into encouraging the Deerfield Board of Selectmen to become more interested and involved with solid waste in their town. Their committee will also have to continue with efforts to get funding to start initiating improvements to their facility.

Russ gave thanks to Clay for his work at the Swap Shop to install a new door so the building meets code for proper emergency exits. Clay said he also fixed a broken fork on the loader at the Recycling Center. Russ said that Clay has worked on many other projects that have greatly improved the buildings and with other things on the site. The many projects and repairs that Clay has done have made major improvements at the site and Russ said that the work he has done is greatly appreciated.

Russ said he recently talked to the CYAA regarding the trash containers that are used there during town events because he noticed that the trash was just being thrown out, rather than being sorted to separate recyclables. He has encouraged the CYAA to sort and recycle as much as they can.

Dick Snow asked if the committee will be organizing town wide roadside trash pick- up for Earth Day which will be April 22nd. It was noted that Earth Day is a weekday and would not work. Dick said that in past years, the event has been run by a group in town, and could we get them involved again? Russ said that it would be better to make it a month long effort. The Community Women's Club and the Boy Scouts have been doing annual roadside pick-up in past years. Dick said maybe we could reach out to them and other groups in town to get them involved for this year.

Dick said we should also be advertising the event with notifications on the website and at the Recycling Center. Boyd said he will try and get notifications posted so that we can try to get others involved again.

Chuck said that he has plenty of blue bags for roadside pick-up. The bags are also available at the Town office and the Smyth Library. The blue bags are supplied to the town at no charge by NH the Beautiful.

Smyth Library event- Al said he saw on the library's website that one of their events will be a discussion on recycling and trash. The speaker will be Duncan Watson, who will be giving a very detailed talk about the many unknown facts on recycling and trash disposal. He has had many years of experience on with recycling and trash, and has recently written a book called *Everyone's Trash*. Al encouraged committee members to attend the talk.

Town report- Al said that he noticed a format issue in the Town Report that affected the Recycling Center. On page 72, under the heading 'Charges for services from Departments' Recycling materials are listed. They are NOT charges, but revenue, which is the opposite of what the heading is referring to.

For people reading the Town Report, it makes the recycling in town not look good, when it is actually a major benefit to the town. Boyd said that he has already noticed this error and will be having that corrected for next year's report.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 24th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member