

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2025

Attendance:

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

Also attending: Ryan Polson from Standard Power, attending via Zoom.

Ryan was invited to the meeting to discuss the contract the town has with Standard Power that will be ending in November, and the renewal of the contract.

Ryan answered a number of questions from the committee regarding the existing contract that the town has with Standard Power. The current contract is a two year contract which will be ending soon. Billing continues to be through Eversource, as it always has been, and that will not change with the new contract. Ryan was also asked to give the specific details of the contract. It was suggested that he drop off a copy of the contract to the town office so we can review the details. He was also asked to give the specific benefits of the Standard Power agreement. He will include those details when he drops off the copy of the contract. He said that the current contract ends on November 25th. We will contact Ryan with any additional questions.

Storage trailers- Al said he has looked at the storage trailers at the Recycling Center, and the roof on one of them is damaged and when it rains, it is leaking badly. The trailer is used to store baled cardboard, which needs to stay dry to be properly recycled. If the recycling processor notices that the material has gotten wet, they will lower the price we get, or may not accept it at all. Also, floors on some of the other trailers are in bad shape, which could be a problem when loading bales of material.

Al said he has found some old trailers for sale at Deerfield Sand & Gravel. The trailers are \$2500 each, and could be delivered to us for an additional fee. Russ suggested that Al talk to Chuck about this and gather more information on it. This will be reviewed at the next meeting. The used trailers would also have to be looked at to make sure they are in good shape.

Russ talked about roadside trash pick-up. He said that the effort to get people to help with this has helped, but he thinks that the effort to post notices to encourage people to help was done too late. The committee had hoped to have a lot of roadside pick-up done during the month of April, which is 'Earth Month.' Russ said that next year, we should start posting notices for the effort in March. All agreed that we should start planning earlier for next year.

Upcoming events- Al noted that next Tuesday, the Smyth Library will have an evening talk by Duncan Watson. The talk will be about recycling and trash, which the speaker knows a lot about as he has many years of experience with Keene's solid waste facility, and he has also written a book- 'Everyone's Trash.'

Al also noted that the annual NRRA conference will be held on May 19th and 20th, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. The event will have booths with many vendors for companies involved in solid waste, and they will have several speakers very knowledgeable in solid waste that will be giving the very latest information on what is happening in the industry. The conference is a good chance to gather a lot of useful information.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member