

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2025

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

Roadside cleanup- Russ said that from what he has heard from the Recycling Center, that there have not been many bags dropped off from people that have done roadside pickup. He said that he feels we should start the effort to get residents involved much earlier. Russ suggested notifying people in March, and to encourage roadside pickup for the entire month of April. He also suggested that we have a flyer printed so that we can hand them out at the Recycling Center, and also drop flyers off at the town office and the library. At the last meeting he suggested that we should find out how much it would cost to print flyers. Janet said she checked on this, and got a price of \$20 for each 100 flyers printed.

Al commented that he is not surprised that roadside pickup has not been very active, because the weather has caused roadside areas to be wet most of the time, which makes it very difficult to do comfortably. If we have better weather conditions and we give earlier notice next year we should see much better results. Russ said that we should also let people know that there are roadside pickup bags available at the Recycling Center, The Town Office, and the Smyth Library. The bags are supplied at no charge by the non-profit organization NH the Beautiful.

NRRA Annual Conference- Al said that the annual Northeast Resource Recovery Association meeting was held Monday and Tuesday this week. He was disappointed that he did not get a ticket to attend, because it is a very good event for gathering the latest and best information available on recycling. There are many companies involved with recycling that have booths at the event, they have recycling workshops, and there are very knowledgeable speakers that talk about the recycling industry. Al said that in past, we were able to get tickets for the event through the town's membership with the NRRA organization. Russ said to talk to Chuck next year and he will arrange to get the passes for the event.

Al spoke about the background of the NRRA to inform committee members about the organization. He said that it is a non-profit organization that was formed many years ago with the goal of helping communities and members with information on recycling, and they also assist in finding vendors for shipping and for processing of recycling materials. They have helped our town in many ways over the years. They cover all of New England with their help and support. He said that a recent press release noted that the organization has now changed its name to 'NH Recycles' to better reflect what they do.

Trash Talk speaker at the library- Al said that at the last meeting he had mentioned that there would be a speaker, Duncan Watson, who was scheduled to talk about recycling and trash, and encouraged committee members to attend. The speaker is also the author of a book on trash. Al said that when he went to the library the night of the talk, the speaker was not there. He spoke to the librarian, Heidi, and was told the talk was cancelled, and was not going to be re-scheduled. Unfortunately, this was not corrected on the library's website. Dick said that he would call the speaker and ask him if he would be willing to set up a future talk at the library.

Update on storage trailers- Chuck has been in need of some better trailers for storage of recycled material. He uses old trailers for storage as it is much cheaper than other storage options. Some of the trailers now have leaking roofs and some floors are in bad shape. Russ said that Chuck has found some trailers through NRRRA, but he does not know the status of getting them to the Recycling Center.

Al said if Chuck needs them, he will check out the used trailers that he found in Deerfield. They are available for \$2500 each.

Standard Power- The town has had a contract with Standard Power that will expire the end of November, and the Standard Power rep, Ryan Polson, has contacted Amy at the town office regarding the renewal of the contract. Linda at the town office contacted Al to ask about Standard Power, and Al said that he will contact Ryan and see if he would be willing to meet with the Recycling & Energy Committee to discuss all the details. The committee would then pass along the information to Amy and also to the Board if necessary. Ryan met with the committee via Zoom at the last meeting, and was requested to send copies of the current contract, a list of any changes for the renewal, and a list of the benefits of the contract. Al said Ryan has sent copies of the present contract, but has not sent information on any changes to the new contract, and the benefits of the contract. Al has contacted Ryan several times but still has not received the requested information. Al will contact Ryan again and try to get the information together for review at the next meeting.

Old Home Day- Dick asked what we will be doing for Old Home Day, which will be held on August 23rd. All agreed that we should have a booth for the Recycling & Energy Committee as we have done in past years. It is a good opportunity to make recycling information available, and also answer any questions residents may have on recycling. Janet said she will reserve the booth for us. We will have to make sure we have a canopy and table ready, and get all the necessary literature together. We will do the planning for this event at the next meeting.

Swap Shop- Clay said that he completed the installation of illuminated exit lights above the doors in the Swap Shop. Clay had previously installed a new door which was required to make the building compliant with fire exit regulations. Having illuminated exits signs are also a requirement. Janet asked if the state has inspected the building, and Clay said that it has been inspected and approved for use.

Metal pile reconfiguration- Dick said work on the metal pile has started. It now a new base, and there are roll-offs near the metal pile that Chuck is apparently using to load and ship scrap metal for recycling. Al asked if anyone knows what the final plans will be for the metal pile. Russ said that he thinks the metal bunker will still be completely rebuilt, because the long- time volunteer, Roland Girard, will no longer be sorting metals at some point in the future, so the sorting area will no longer be needed. We will try to get more info from Chuck on the future plans.

Nuclear power- Clay said that he recently read an article that Tennessee has issued a permit to build a nuclear power plant. It will be constructed using the latest technology. This will be the first nuclear power plant built in over 40 years. The new technology they are using minimizes emissions, and is very efficient. Clay said that nuclear power is an excellent source of energy, as we have seen from the Seabrook nuclear plant.

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The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member