

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2026

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Janet Lewis, Russ Dann, and Al Couch

At the last meeting, Russ asked what the status of the Community Power Committee was. Al said he looked up info on the town website, and saw that they had not met for a long time. We had initiated the committee to work on the Community Power program. This program was intended to group together residents in towns, which could choose a power supplier that would get the lowest rates. Al said that recent news stories on Community Power noted that in some towns the Community Power rates were actually higher than the Eversource rates. Because Community Power requires a major effort, and may not benefit residents, we will not consider trying to reactivate the committee at this time.

NH Recycles conference- Al said the annual meeting and conference will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Because this is a very important and educational event, Al asked if Russ could check with Chuck to see if he can get committee members tickets for the event. Russ will talk to Chuck and try to set this up. Chuck can get the tickets because the Recycling Center is a member with NH Recycles. It was also mentioned that employees of recycling centers are required to attend as part of their annual certification process.

Al also mentioned that NH Recycles has a bi-weekly email with the latest updates and has a lot of useful information. Committee members can sign up to receive these updates.

Janet asked about recycling white plastic trays that are used to package food items. The trays look like a clamshell container, which are not recyclable, but Janet said it seems like a heavier plastic and could be recycled with 1-7 plastics. Al agreed that it looks like it could be recycled. He said he will try to contact the plastic recycling company that we bring our material to and see if they can clarify the status of the containers. Al also mentioned that there are a lot of plastic containers that are marked with the plastic recycling symbol, but they are not recyclable, such as black plastic containers. We are hoping that there will be improvements to product packaging in the future.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member