

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2023

Attendance:

Committee members: Russ Dann, Dick Snow, Janet Lewis, and Al Couch.  
Swap Shop volunteer Cinny Griswold also attended.

The Swap Shop site area was discussed. Cinny expresses concern about ice forming near the doors in the winter. There was a concern that ice may become a bigger problem when the areas is paved, which will be done soon. Russ said that when the area is paved, it will be sloped to drain it toward the drainage trench and pipe. Also, Russ said that he will consider putting up a gutter to prevent water from the roof draining in front of the doors.

Swap Shop protocols were discussed. Cinny felt that things are working well, and that additional signage was not necessary as the volunteers are doing a great job with the proper guidelines.

Swap Shop storage- Al said that Clay will soon be working on the Swap Shop storage to make it easier to store seasonal items such as Christmas items.

Cinny said there is a new volunteer- Laurel Goddard, who recently started helping out.

Cinny was thanked for her long time volunteering at the Swap Shop, and for her donations to the Recycling Center.

Recycling Center site work- Russ said the project to re-build the brush and compost bunkers is going well. The re-grading is finished, and the new concrete blocks have been delivered. The project should be complete in 2-3 weeks.

Road/Site signs- Al said that the Deer Run Road and Candia Recycling Center signs that were blown off the sign-post by high winds have now been replaced.

Roadside pickup- Russ said the Candia Community Women's Club has done roadside pick on various roads. Recycling committee members have also done roadside pickup. It was suggested that next year we should plan on trying to reach additional townspeople to help so that more roads can be cleaned up. Suggestions were that this could be done by posting on the town website, posting on the school signboard, and with signs at the Recycling Center.

Dick Snow suggested that a Revolving Fund be created next year. He thought this would be a better way to fund specific projects for the Recycling Center. Russ said he would consider doing that.

Community Power update- Dick said that the Community Power Program is moving forward. As part of the Community Power Program, when towns institute the program, they will also try to get towns together to aggregate their power which will get them even lower rates.

Styrofoam recycling-There was a recent article in the Town and City magazine about Gilford starting a styrofoam recycling program. They will be accepting the material from other towns for processing. Dick asked if we might consider starting our own program. The general consensus was that the logistics would make it too difficult- the expense of the machine, finding a storage area for the material, getting additional labor to do the processing, and finding a market for the recycled plastic.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member