

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2023

Attendance:

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

Russ mentioned that he was asked to look into applying a sealer on the pavement at the Recycling Center. Al said he had extensively studied driveway sealers when he was in the flooring industry, as sealers often stained floors. There are also other sealer problems- these are ones that we need to be concerned about-they are: 1) Sealers are expensive to do, and once it is applied, it has to be done regularly to keep the coating even, as traffic lanes wear out quickly. 2) Sealer does not prevent cracks in the pavement. Cracks are caused by less than adequate base material. Cracks are best repaired with rubberized crack filler. 3) The most common sealer, coal-tar based, is toxic, which can affect water, and can also become airborne. 4) Sealer makes pavement more slippery when it's wet or has snow on it. Because of these problems, the consensus was the pavement should not be sealed.

Russ said the site's pavement markings will need to be re-done soon. Painting of the parking area in front of the Swap Shop will also be done. Layout plans for this were discussed.

Clay talked about the old trailers that have been on the Blevens property for many years. The property is for sale, and Clay said that a new owner would likely want to get rid of the trailers. They would be very worthwhile for use at the Recycling Center, as there has always been a shortage of storage. Clay said he would try to contact someone when there is a new owner, and will offer to take the trailers away for free.

Dick asked if Russ will be putting in a warrant article for a Revolving Fund so that money put into the fund can be used to fund future projects at the Recycling Center. Russ said he is planning to work on that.

The wood sculpture 'Oscar' was discussed. The sculpture was created by local artist Leon Austin for the Recycling Center as the original Sesame Street character is known for loving trash. Russ suggested moving the sculpture over to the Swap Shop, as children love the character and this would give them a chance to get close-up to Oscar. All agreed this would be a good idea. Also brought up was the fact that Leon had recently re-painted Oscar for display at Old Home Day. He did an excellent job and made the sculpture look really good. It was suggested that we send a letter to Leon thanking him for his donation of time and effort restoring the sculpture. Janet said she will put a letter together and will send it to Leon.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was reviewed. The day went very well. It was well attended and we were able to hand out info to many people. Also, Leon had just finished restoring Oscar, and he delivered it that morning to the Recycling Center booth. It was a big hit with the kids.

A recent incident with the new property owner of the land adjacent to the Recycling Center property is something that could be a problem. Russ explained that the new owner of the adjacent property had parked trucks blocking the Recycling Center access road, and Chuck went over and asked him to move the trucks. The person said it was his property, and also mentioned that the road was a one-lane road. Al had some information on this as he was involved in the construction of the new Recycling Center site and structure. Al said there was a permanent easement that the general contractor, Ron Severino had arranged. The documents that were handed out to committee members showed a 60' easement, with a 24' wide 2-lane road. What is now needed is a copy of the easement to show to the new property owner. Russ has not been able to reach Ron, but Janet said she will try to reach Ron to see if he still has a copy of the easement. If he does not, we will have to try to find it at the registry.

Universal Waste was discussed. Some of the people that came in for Household Hazardous Waste Day had brought in items that they could have brought in anytime and put in the Universal Waste area at the Recycling Center. Universal Waste is something that was set up by the State DES so that small, but safe to handle hazardous material can be brought into any town recycling center. A list of items was reviewed- it includes items such as fluorescent bulbs, button batteries, other batteries such as lithium ion batteries, thermostats, and thermometers, some of which contain mercury.

Clean wood area-Russ said he is still looking for a place to conveniently store clean wood, so that people can easily have access to it, rather than put it in the roll-off and have to pay to have it taken away. If a place and a way to store it can be found, it would be a good way to have material re-used rather than thrown out.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member