

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2024

Attendance:

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

The minutes of the March 28 meeting were approved.

Discussion took place on the old trailers that could be used for storage at the Recycling Center. Russ has been working on this and during his discussion with the owners of the property that the trailers are on they said that we could take them at no charge. Chuck would like to use the trailers for additional storage, because in order to have enough bales of recycled material to meet the pick-up criteria, storing the bales in the building takes up too much room. Chuck will also need to work on finding a suitable location to put the trailers.

Russ recently spoke to Jerry Becker to see if he would be able to transport the trailers to the Recycling Center. Jerry said he would need to look at the trailers first, and then will contact Russ to let him know if it would be feasible to move them.

Dick Snow said he thought about contacting Bob Martel, who works for M & S Trailers to see if he might look at the trailers and give his opinion on moving them. He will try contacting Bob to see if he could give us any help or ideas to move them.

Metal pile- Russ said that Chuck will be revamping the scrap metal area, as the area currently used for sorting metals will no longer be necessary. The reason for the change is that a long time volunteer, Roland Girard, will longer be separating items in the metal pile. His years of separating high value metals has not only made the recycling of metals much more efficient and effective, but has also given the Recycling Center a substantially higher dollar return than the amount it would get if it were not separated.

Community Power- Al asked about the status of the Community Power program, which is being worked on by the Community Power Committee. Dick has not attended their meetings for a while, so does not know if they are continuing to move forward on this. He said there is an update in the Concord Monitor on the state-wide program. The program aggregates towns so that they can try to buy power at lower rates than Eversource. They also put effort into using renewable energy, such as hydro, solar, and wind. We will try to contact the committee to get updates on the program. It was mentioned that Eversource currently has a lower rate, which is lower than the current rate of Community Power. We will continue to monitor the progress of this program.

Swap Shop- Al said that after speaking with several of the Swap Shop volunteers, they indicated that all is going very well and there were no issues to bring up at our meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member