

Unapproved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee

Public Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2016

Attendance: Canny Griswold, Gail Thomas, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, Recycling Center Representative Russ Dann, Selectman Mark Laliberte, and Associate R/E Committee Member Rudy Cartier.

The Recycling Center ordinances were discussed. Copies were handed out and it was requested that everyone review them and to make suggestions for any necessary changes. Chuck was asked his opinion on a couple of the ordinances- 1) should the list of recyclables be updated, and 2) decide whether the language on business permits should be left in or taken out. Any changes will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Stickers and the policies for use were discussed. Chuck noted that they allow some exceptions to the policy of requiring the sticker on the windshield, as they know many of the residents. It was mentioned that some people place the sticker on the dash when they are there. Russ felt that stricter measures were unnecessary.

Mark Laliberte spoke about energy conservation measures that could be implemented, and he would like to know how the committee feels about being involved in researching and implementing available conservation measures. He explained that Eversource was helping to initiate a program using LED lighting for towns and schools. The consensus of the committee was that this was important and they should be involved.

The program involves converting street lights and lights in public buildings to LED. Schools can convert under a separate program. LED lighting saves around 50% of energy costs, and they last about 10 years. The process entails arranging a vendor to do the conversion. Eversource offers a rebate program to help with costs. The payback to offset costs would be about 2 ½ years. There was discussion whether to do a warrant article to initiate the project, but it was decided that there was not enough time to get quotes and arrange all the details.

Rudy suggested getting an energy audit. Mark said that energy audits were done a while ago, and that the committee could contact the town office to see if they can be located.

Mark will try to set up having an Eversource rep come to the Nov 14 Board meeting to discuss the program.

Literature for the Recycling Center was discussed. Al and Chuck developed a “Quick reference” guide that is a single page outlining the recycling programs. A review of the recycling information literature has lead to the conclusion that there should be two pieces available- 1) the outline of programs, and 2) a more complete brochure that gives information on all the recycling programs, along with explanations of each, and reasons why recycling is important. Al will continue to develop a brochure and present a draft to the committee, and then to the Board.

Al asked if there was an update on Household Hazardous Waste Day. Chuck said they do not have the final figures yet, but they did not go over the \$9,000 allotted for the program.

The next meeting date was discussed, as the usual 4th Thursday meeting date would be Thanksgiving. It was agreed that we would meet on the 3rd Thursday, November 17th. Al will set that up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch
Committee Member