

Unapproved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee

Public Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2016

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Gail Thomas, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, and Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann.

A review of the project to convert the town to LED lighting was reviewed. Although Rudy Cartier could not make this meeting, Rudy has said that he could lead the LED program. This program could benefit a number of places, including the town offices, parking lot lighting, street lighting, the Recycling Center, and Moore School.

Chuck spoke about signs for the Recycling Center. The interior signs are the first priority. A local sign business has offered their services, and Chuck is working with them to change the information and the layout of the signs. Draft layouts will be made up for the R/E Committee to look at. Cost will be about \$150 per sign. We will ask for a grant from NH the Beautiful to help with the cost. Signs for other areas were discussed, and it was felt that additional signs could help better identify the many recycling commodities on site.

Draft copies of a new Recycling Center literature piece was handed out for review. This piece is a complete description of all the recycling, other waste, the policies and guidelines, and also describes the benefits of recycling. Al asked that everyone look it over carefully and come with any changes by the next meeting so a final draft can be completed. This may possibly go in with the town report package in the spring, so that every home will receive the new info.

The Solid Waste ordinances were reviewed. Some changes are necessary as they were adopted in 2010 when the town still had the incinerator, and the rules were to fit the use of that use and the very limited recycling programs. Everyone was encouraged to look the ordinances over and be ready to make suggestions for any and all changes at the next meeting.

Chuck spoke about a volunteer at the Recycling Center that has worked to separate and sort all types of metal equipment that is brought in. Separating metals into specific categories enables the town to get much higher return on metal recycling. Because this is a unique program in the state, Northeast Resource Recovery Association will be gathering information on the methods used to separate and sort, and will use the information to encourage others to do the same.

There was discussion on the Northeast Resource Recovery Association annual conference and expo that will be held at the Radisson Conference Center in Manchester May 22-23. It was suggested that all committee members try to attend this important event to learn more about the NRRRA, recycling in general, and to meet recycling vendors.

Clay says the insulation project for the Recycling Center building walls around the office area is under way. He will get panels to cover the insulation, and will install the panels with the help of other volunteers.

Clay also purchased a new dumping hopper for the Recycling Center to replace a very old unit. The hopper was purchased at an auction, at about half the price of a new one. Clay also hauled it back from the auction to the Center at no charge to the town.

The next meeting is scheduled to be Jan 26, 6:30 pm in the main meeting room.