

Approved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2017

Attendance:

Cinny Griswold, Linda Bergeron, Gail Thomas, Clay Caddy, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann, and associate member Dick Snow.

Chuck is in the process of developing the format and wording for the new interior signs, and will be meeting with the sign rep tomorrow to work on them.

Andrew Kellar from NH Solar had contacted the town recently to discuss the possibility of using solar. They had made a proposal a couple of years ago, but Andrew says that a lot has changed since then, and he would like to put together a new proposal for a solar array at the Recycling Center for use by the town. He could not make it to this meeting, but he submitted a profile of the company and a review of potential savings. The committee will review the info, and we will consider inviting Andrew to give a proposal at a future meeting.

There was a discussion of 'rigid' plastics. At the last meeting, the committee felt that it would be worth investigating a program for recycling rigids. After speaking with the NRRA, it was found that this would not be feasible for us to do, as the processor requires this to be baled, which would be difficult and time consuming. Also, the program requires a full truckload, and lastly, the category does not pay well. Chuck mentioned that although this is not a practical program for the town, the company that accepts the material in the C&D containers also accepts and recycles rigids.

Chuck talked about the possibility of having a Facebook page for the Recycling Center. This could be used for notices such as weather closings, tips on recycling and disposal, swap shop info, updates on recycling revenue, and notifications on events such as the roadside pick-up program and Household Hazardous Waste Day. The committee enthusiastically embraced and supported the idea. Gail also noted that the town web site could have a link for this Facebook page so folks could 'like' the page and receive regular updates.

Cinny discussed ideas for the swap shop. They sometimes have a problem with people leaving items outside. Also, some of the items are too large to bring in the building so it would be a big advantage to have a protected covered area to store items under. Cinny will gather information on the cost and also will contact NRRA to find out whether there might be a grant available to cover some of the cost.

(more other side)

Al mentioned that Catherine just updated that town web page to include all the info that is in the new recycling brochure- a big step forward in making all the necessary Recycling Center information readily available.

Information was given on the upcoming Northeast Resource Recovery Association conference and expo. This will be held at the Center of NH May 22-23. This is a major event and will include workshops, exhibits, and speakers with the latest recycling market information. Committee members are encouraged to attend this important event.

Updates were given on a couple of projects-adding a drip edge to the swap shop roof, and to try to resolve the problem of frozen pipes in the main building. Clay will work on these in the spring.

Russ said that the Solid Waste ordinances will be updated on the web site soon.

The minutes from the Feb 23 meeting were approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, R/E Committee Member