

Unapproved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2017

Attendance:

Cinny Griswold, Linda Bergeron, Gail Thomas, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator
Chuck Whitcher, Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann, and associate
members Rudy Cartier and Dick Snow.

Cinny talked about the new partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Manchester. They will take a lot of bulky items and building materials that would otherwise be placed in the trash, so it's a great way to have items re-used rather than trashed. The Habitat organization will send a truck to us to load and transport the items. Chuck will oversee the materials they take. This will start as a trial program to see if it works out well.

In other Swap Shop discussions, Dick mentioned that improvements should be made to the parking area. He suggested that Dennis Lewis take care of moving the Jersey barriers back in place, and also work on leveling the parking area.

Rudy reviewed the details of the best way to move forward on a conversion to LED lighting throughout the town. Some of the key points are 1) try to get groups of towns together to help lower conversion costs. 2) Find out whether maintenance of the fixtures after conversion would be included. 3) Talk to other towns/cities that have converted. Manchester recently converted through Siemens. Rudy will get the contact for Manchester so we can talk with them. 4) Most importantly, do a cost study to determine the specific overall benefits and how to best roll in a conversion- all at once or doing it a bit at a time. Overall, it is well documented that converting to LED would save a substantial amount of money, and the best plan is to gather information first to determine how best to carry out a conversion.

Chuck went over the updating of interior signs. He had draft copies of the new signs for all to review and make corrections or suggestions. It is difficult to have the signs worded just right, as some recycling categories, such as plastic, are very difficult to describe properly without a very long list of guidelines. Chuck suggested everyone review the signs and pass along suggestions for changes that will be compiled and then they can be looked at again.

A quote for conversion to LED in the Recycle Center building was reviewed and discussed. The quote was \$10,227 to replace the existing fluorescent fixtures- several of which need replacement ballasts to get them to work. The consensus and suggestion to Chuck was to continue to do maintenance and replace the ballasts for now. It was also suggested that as we gather more information on LED this could be looked at again.

The upcoming May NRRRA Conference/Expo was discussed. This is an opportunity to be in touch with many key companies in the recycling and disposal business, and to connect with the NRRRA organization which provides towns with vital help in the recycling market. The high fees for volunteers to attend the conference were discussed. Al and Gail have paid the fee, but all felt there needs to be a better way to enable and encourage more volunteers to attend.

Regarding solar energy- there are two companies that have been in touch with the committee wanting to talk to us about town use of solar energy, but neither rep could make this meeting. We will try to have one of the reps attend the May meeting.

In other updates, it was noted that the Recycling Center info on the town website is now updated with all the information that is in the new brochure, and documents such as Solid Waste ordinances, fees, and info on HHW Day are now posted.

Russ gave an update on the roadside pick-up program that is run by the Heritage Commission. He said that it seems to be going well, and all the trash is being collected in the dumpster donated by Waste Management. By having it all collected in one place, we will get a better idea of how much trash gathers on town roads over time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, R/E Committee Member