

Unapproved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2017

Attendance:

Clay Caddy, Cinny Griswold, Linda Bergeron, Gail Thomas, Al Couch, Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Witcher, associate member Dick Snow, and invited guest Andrew Kellar from NhSolarGarden.

Andrew gave an overview of NhSolarGarden, which he started three years ago. He set up the business to focus on solar for small towns and schools. He cited examples of local towns he has worked with to set up solar programs, including Exeter, Allenstown, and Milton. Andrew also presented a summary of a potential Candia solar project that would be located on the roof of the Recycling Center. The summary also illustrated the possible savings of such a project over 25 years. This set-up would supply power for the Recycle Center, and excess would go to other town facilities. NhSolarGarden leases the solar systems so that there are no major start-up costs, and they also maintain the system. The town would receive immediate savings on energy with this arrangement.

Other options were then discussed, and Andrew answered questions on solar in general. He felt that the roof at the Recycle Center roof was the best option, but said that he would have to do research and engineering studies to confirm what would work best. Andrew would do the studies and research to work up a specific proposal when the town is ready to move forward.

Updated draft copies of the new interior recycling signs were reviewed and discussed. Chuck wants to be sure that the wording and format of the signs is the best it can be, as the signs will be in use for a long time. As there has been much discussion and changes to previous draft copies, Chuck suggested that the person working on the signs be invited to the next meeting so that we can work directly with him to see what changes would work best. We would then try to finalize them and get the signs made up.

The next meeting will be July 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, R/E Committee Member