

Unapproved
Candia's Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017

Attendance: Cinny Griswold, Linda Bergeron, Al Couch, Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, and invited guest Matt Rounds, President and CEO of Standard Power of America.

Matt came as a follow-up to Ryan Polson's presentation a couple of months ago. At the first meeting, Ryan said they could do an analysis of the towns' power bills, and they now have specific numbers based on a detailed review of our Eversource bills. We were given copies of the analysis, and Matt explained the numbers and the potential energy savings.

Matt talked about how Standard Power is able to broker lower energy prices. They formed a consortium of NH towns and school districts. They also collaborate with towns and school boards members of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. In addition to the consortium, they also rolled in power from NH based hydro-power sources to bring the rate down more.

This hybrid-hydro contract they are offering would bring the town rate from the current 11.6 cents per kwh (average) to 8.0 cents per kwh. The contract is for one year. Billing would remain as it is now with Eversource, and Standard Power would send us quarterly rebate checks for the difference. Line service and repairs would stay with Eversource.

Matt answered a number of questions, and we also discussed additional ways for the town to achieve energy savings, such as conversion to LED, and solar power. He also said that there is a program from the State to help with the conversion to LED. He will send us the information on this energy efficiency program.

Matt then concluded the energy discussion, and reviewed a contract that would be retroactive for this year, if it is signed by the end of November.

Russ and Al talked about their recent tour of the new Derry recycling facility. The facility is on a much larger scale than before. Derry has a population of about 35,000 residents. Their solid waste budget is \$1.5 m. Much of the recycling is done in a similar way that we do it with residents coming in to drop off sorted recyclables, but on a much larger scale, and with the use of some very expensive equipment.

Chuck is researching skid-steers to replace the old one that is now beyond the stage that repairs can get it to function properly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee Member