

Candia's Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2017

Attendance: Gail Thomas, Linda Bergeron, Clay Caddy, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann, and Associate Member Dick Snow.

Russ talked about setting up a tour of the Lee Transfer Station so we can see the facility, how they operate, and to gather information and look for new ideas. We will plan to meet up and go to Lee together on January 25th. Russ will finalize plans in January.

The Standard Power contract is now in place, and we discussed the next steps. Russ said the first reimbursement check will be automatically sent to us, and he will also set things up so that in the future Eversource will automatically send the town's power bills to Standard Power so that nothing has to be done on our end for future reimbursements.

Russ has been in touch with Brad Gay of the Diversegy power broker company regarding LED lighting for the Recycling Center. Brad would like to set up a visit to the site so he can look at the current lighting and give us a specific proposal for LED conversion.

In conjunction with possible LED conversion, Al mentioned he had information on a program from Eversource called the Municipal Smart Start Program, which enables municipalities to install energy saving programs with no up front costs. Al will get the specifics on the program from the Eversource rep and will have that available at the January meeting.

Chuck discussed a major problem he had to deal with at the Recycling Center that afternoon. Frozen water pipes cut off the water supply, and it looks like it will be a major task to get it working again, as they can not locate the specific area where the pipes froze. Clay offered to be there in the morning so they can try to locate where the pipes are freezing. They may have to take apart some of the wall sections or drill into the concrete pad to be able to thaw out and then insulate the water pipes.

The 2018 NRRA Conference was discussed. This regional conference draws together many recycling and waste handling businesses, and is a good source for information. The conference will be held on May 21 & 22 in Manchester. Chuck will try and work out plans so that interested committee members can attend.

A list of the Committee accomplishments for the year was reviewed, and it has been a very productive year. Besides the members of the Committee putting in a lot of time helping out at the Recycling Center, the Committee has also made major strides updating recycling information and signage, and put in a major effort to gather information on cost saving programs, which is then passed on the BOS so they can take action to implement them. Clay and Al will work on a committee report to go into the annual town report.

It was also mentioned that getting the word out on R/E Committee activities might also help to attract additional members or meeting attendees, which is always helpful for projects and for new ideas.

The next meeting will be on January 25, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee Member