

Unapproved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2018

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Witcher, Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann, Al Couch, and Associate Member Dick Snow.

The committee discussed the group trip to the Town of Lee Transfer Station that afternoon. We met with the transfer station staff, and they gave us a complete tour. We were able to check out all the facilities and equipment they use to handle recyclables and other solid waste. Everyone agreed it was a very worthwhile trip, and we were able to gather some good ideas.

LED lighting conversion at the Recycle Center was discussed. The committee continues to gather information and quotes for conversion. Russ will be getting a quote soon from Brad Gay of Diversegy, who inspected the lighting at the facility last week. Al mentioned that Eversource uses specific contractors, and he will contact them to start the process to get a quote from them.

Chuck said that some of the exterior overhead yard lights at the facility are currently a problem, as some fixtures do not work regularly and some are flickering. Russ suggested that Chuck get some quotes to either repair or replace these with LED, and then choose the best option to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

The Waste Management contract was discussed. Chuck said this is something that he needs to set up soon, as an immediate contract will save on landfill fees. WM fees for future contracts will definitely be going up, as the landfill that WM uses will need to charge higher fees as available landfill space is becoming limited. All agreed that WM is our best choice at this point, especially as their current rates are good.

Russ talked about his experience at the Recycle Center when he had to take over when Chuck had to take an emergency leave. He said he now understands much better what the crew goes through, and the amount of work they put in to keep everything running smoothly. In addition to the regular busy schedule, there were a couple of incidents that required additional time and attention. Everything was handled well and things were brought back to normal quickly and efficiently.

Russ brought up the idea of having a resident survey form that would help us to better know what residents think of the facility and how it is run. The survey would also solicit ideas for improving the facility and how things are done. The survey could be done with some committee volunteers.

Christine Dupere recently mentioned to Al that she could easily issue new Recycling Center stickers to new residents when they come in to do their registrations. Chuck spoke to Chris and this will be set up soon.

Next meeting will be February 22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee Member