

Unapproved
Candia's Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2018

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Gail Thomas, Cinny Griswold, Linda Bergeron, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, and Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann. Public attendee Mark Chalbeck.

The committee talked about the Feb 12 Board Meeting at which Al talked about an article that covered Chicago's recycling program. The general opinion of the Board seemed to be that the article implied that less recycling is better- but Al explained that Chicago was trying to improve their recycling product by better educating people about what should go into their recycling bins. The problem is that many items that seem to be recyclable are not. Wrong items are called "contamination" and this lowers the value of recyclables. Al made it clear that the Candia recycling programs are already excellent, and have very small amount of contamination. We are getting maximum return for our product.

Russ mentioned the Waste Management contract that was discussed at the Feb 12 Board meeting. All on the R/E Committee were pleased that the contract was renewed, as prices are constantly going up for all waste haulers, mostly due to limited landfill space.

A quote for LED lighting at the Recycling Center from Genie Solar Energy was reviewed and discussed. Their quote of \$22,793 would convert all interior and exterior pole lights, including fixtures. Whether to replace fixtures or not was discussed, and it was suggested that we get a separate quote for replacement of bulbs only, and leaving the same fixtures in place. Russ will get a revised quote so that we can get a handle on the cost of replacing the fixtures.

Eversource looked at the Town Office building and the Recycling Center, and they will also quote on LED lighting. They also have special financing options that we can consider to help with the cost of conversion.

Al said that when he made a casual visit to Historic Motor Sports last weekend, Dean Young was there and introduced him to the owner, Bob Mitchell. Bob explained that they were going to install a solar array soon, and wanted to know if they could speak to the committee about having the town buy any excess energy from their system. As we don't have enough information on this, it was decided that they would be invited to the next meeting to talk about the idea and answer to questions. We also talked about whether it was physically possible to have some power to on the grid to a specific location, such as the town office building. No one was sure, but Mark, who works for Eversource, said that he knows who to ask. He will get the answer and get back to the committee.

Clay talked about a project at the Recycling Center he would like to get started on. The task is to insulate the water supply pipe, and also to insulate the office walls to keep the water pipes from freezing. During spells of very cold weather, this has been an ongoing problem. Thursday, March 1 was set up to work on this, and Russ and Al will assist. Clay also worked on the skid steer this week, welding an exhaust pipe. He was able to get the machine back into service immediately.

Chuck talked about glass hauling. The Recycle Center is hauling about one load of about 100 tons per month. Waste Management is hauling the glass at a low rate as they are using it for cover material at their Turnkey landfill. Years ago the glass would be hauled to Goffstown by our road agent, but Goffstown no longer accepts glass so the only other options would be to go to Wakefield or to Keene, both too far away to be practical.

Chuck also talked about the recent situation in the world of recycling- China does not want much of our country's recyclables lately, partly due to poor quality, so a lot of effort is going into alternative places to go, and a long-term effort into building more domestic facilities to process recyclables.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 22 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee member