

Unapproved
Candia Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2018

Attendance: Gail Thomas, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, and Recycling Center BOS Representative Russ Dann.

Chuck has been testing several brands of skid steers to replace their old machine. Chuck said that after extensive testing of machines on site, that they feel that the JCB is by far the best choice. Although it is more expensive than the others, it is much safer than the others, especially due the side door access, and also its capabilities are far better, due to the excellent reach of the boom. Russ will pass along these insights at the Board meeting next week.

Review of LED lighting conversion- there was discussion on the next steps to convert the Recycling Center to LED lighting. Russ and Chuck will check to see if they have all the information they need and will have that ready for the next meeting. There are three proposals, and we will review the details of each at the next meeting and then make a recommendation to be passed along to the board.

Russ asked if we might be able to use the sign that is not currently being used at the entry to Deer Run Road. Al said he will find out who owns the sign and ask them about using it. Also the street sign and the Recycling Center sign on the post at the corner were blown off in a recent storm and Dennis will need to put them back on the pole.

There was discussion of using cameras at the Recycling Center to monitor and make sure residents pay for charge items being dropped off. Although there may be an advantage to using cameras, the general opinion was that it would be better to not use them. Chuck said that residents rarely try to avoid paying the fee for items.

Al handed out copies of a recent article from the Wall Street Journal that gives information on the recent recycling market decline -mostly due to China not wanting the material any more. Because we have source-separated recyclables at the Recycling Center, we are avoiding the worst of that situation as these are worth a lot more than the "single-stream" material that the story is centered around.

Al also handed out a recent alert from NRRRA that clearly states that glass can definitely be recycled, and they have programs that enable this commodity to be recycled rather than thrown in the landfill as Hooksett is doing. Candia has used the NRRRA program for many years, and continues to recycle glass.

Russ said the program he recently set up with Moore School has just started, and there has not been enough time yet to see how this collaboration will work.

Chuck said he will have a traffic counter set up next week so he can get an idea of number of vehicles using the Recycling Center. He hopes that he can also get the counter back in September when there is more traffic. This will enable us to know roughly how many people in town use the Recycling Center.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 28.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee member