

Candia's Recycling/Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2018

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Linda Bergeron, Al Couch, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, and associate member Dick Snow.

On September 15, Russ Dann, Al Couch, and Dick Snow visited Historic Motor Sports to see their new solar system and to gather information on solar in general. Owner Bob Mitchell thought it would be worthwhile for the town to consider buying any of his excess solar at a price just above his cost. Bob said it will take a few months to see what might be available for power. He will be in touch with us again when he knows more about what amount of solar energy he will use and what amount will be excess.

Adding a shed roof to the Swap Shop was discussed. This is becoming more important as much more is coming than there is room for, including many bulky items. The possibility of getting the shed roof done is looking much better as several people have offered to donate building materials and labor. We will try to get a total bottom line cost for the project and see if there is enough money to move ahead with this, probably in the spring.

Dick was able to set up use of a traffic count device for the Recycling Center. This would be for one month in October and again in the spring.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was discussed. Chuck said that the event went very well and total cost came in about the same as last year.

Information on a company called Roadway Displays was reviewed to see if it is something the Recycling Center could use to promote recycling. At this time the committee felt that the signs available are more focused on signs for towns that use trash and recycling trucks, so it is probably not suitable. Dick will look into it more to see if there are any signs that may be able to be used at the Recycling Center.

LED quotes were discussed. The committee has reviewed a substantial amount of information on this, but there are still a lot of questions on it. Al reviewed the info he gathered from the contractor that works with Eversource- Lighting Retrofit Services. Their quote is the best price and most detailed of the three quotes that we have received, and it covers every single light at the Recycling Center site. Chuck thinks this looks like a good choice, but we still need to get the bottom line for the initial outlay. Eversource has a program that gives a substantial rebate, and they also have a municipal "Smart Start" program that may be able to get the LED conversion done without any initial outlay. Al will try to get the final numbers from Eversource, taking into account the special programs that are available.

The next meeting will be October 25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch
Recycling/Energy Committee member