

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2018

Attendance: Linda Bergeron, Gail Thomas, Clay Caddy, Al Couch, Recycling Center BOS representative Russ Dann, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Witcher, and associate members Freda Paris and Dick Snow.

LED lighting for the Recycling Center was discussed. The Eversource/LRS proposal was approved by the Board of Selectmen, and the project will hopefully move forward sometime in January. Chuck is hoping this can be done as soon as possible due to the fact that several pole lights are currently out which affects the site when they are open after sunset.

The possible addition to the Swap Shop was discussed. This is becoming a priority issue as there are so many larger items that are being dropped off. The Facebook postings have been a great help in moving items, but there are still many things that must be left outside and are being ruined by the weather. If enough furniture items can be safely stored out of the weather, then many items could be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Russ was able to have drawings of the addition drawn up by Joe Silveira. A guess on the cost was around \$10,000. More information will be gathered to try to narrow down the cost. We would then submit a warrant article for town meeting to see if we could have the addition properly built with a concrete floor.

Dick is working with Historic Motor Sports to see if we can set up an arrangement to buy solar power cheaply from any excess power that they have. He plans to set up a meeting with the town energy supplier, the solar company that set up the new solar array, and Bob at Historic Motor Sports to see if an arrangement can be made for the town to use their excess solar.

Recycling Center traffic info- Dick was able to set up the use of a traffic count device through Southern NH Planning. The device was set up for over a month so Chuck could get an accurate traffic count at the Recycling Center. The count shows that more than 1000 vehicles per week come into the Recycling Center, and this indicates that it is being used more than 70% of Candia households.

Chuck said that overall, recycling commodities are doing fairly well. The glass program will be changing soon, as there will be more restrictions on what can go into the mix. Chuck is gathering information on that and will make the appropriate changes.

Chuck also talked about trying to find ways to expand the useable area of the Recycling Center property. He estimates they are using about 2 acres of the 10 they have, and they could really use additional area. They need to find a way to clear trees and fill in the lower areas to expand at the back of the area they are currently using.

The next meeting will be held ahead of the usual meeting date so that year-end items and the Swap Shop warrant article can be wrapped up. The next meeting will be December 13 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Al Couch, Committee member