

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2019

Attendance: Clay Caddy, Gail Thomas, Recycling Center Operator Chuck Whitcher, Al Couch, Recycling Center BOS representative Russ Dann, and Dick Snow.

There was discussion on the meeting that will be held next month about the possibility of the town purchasing solar power from Historic Motor Sports. This meeting will include the owner of Historic Motor Sports, their solar installer, and the town's energy broker. The meeting will be set up for March 28, and will include a tour of the system at Historic Motor Sports for those interested. The tour will be around 4:30, and the official meeting will begin at 6:30. Dick will confirm the schedule later.

Clay gave info on the LED conversion that Raymond recently did on their street lights. They have 153 street lights, and the conversion to LED cost \$53,000. The conversion will give them an annual savings of \$10,000, so their payback will be about four years.

There was discussion on plastics recycling, and the many types of plastics that are involved. The Recycling Center takes the most common and easily recycled categories. Many of the categories, although they could be recycled, are very difficult to recycle due to the type of processing they require. Discussion about adding additional categories, such as plastic bags, might be impractical as they must be collected, shipped, and processed separately from other plastics.

Green Monster signs were discussed- these will display the trash compactors as "Green Monsters" that chew up money, as landfill disposal is the most expensive way to get rid of waste that could otherwise be recycled. These will be posted at the compactors soon.

Russ talked about roadside pick-up that is scheduled for April 27. There was discussion on the most efficient way to handle the bags of roadside trash at the Recycling Center and maybe also collect them at another location. Russ encouraged everyone to participate in the pick-up program.

The Recycling and Energy Committee charter was reviewed. Al noted that these are the official guidelines that were set up when the new committee was formed. It was also suggested that if anyone has any possible revisions, that they bring it up for discussion and revisions could be submitted to the BOS for approval.

A list of possible committee goals and projects was handed out, with notes on which projects have been completed. Al asked that everyone review the list, and make any recommendations for items to be added.

Chuck reviewed some of the numbers he is putting together on the past and present recycling numbers. The past 10 years will be included in this report and will help give a better view of seasonal and yearly trends in recycling.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee Member