

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2019

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

Discussion on the Swap Shop addition- The wish is to begin the project soon after Memorial Day when Clay gets back from vacation. It was suggested that Clay be in charge of this- getting a volunteer work crew together, listing the materials needed, and overseeing the construction. It was made clear that Chuck will not have to spend time on the project, so it will not interfere with his busy schedule. Dennis Lewis has the information on the project and the approximate time-line. Dennis will do the site preparation, and will do some other general work in the area, adding a well cap and lifting the Jersey barrier out of the ditch. There is no deadline for completing the addition, but it will be done as rapidly as possible.

Russ gave an update on the new power contract from Standard Power, the town's power broker. The contract has a new power supplier set up by Standard Power that some of the BOS had questions on. Russ set it up so that Standard Power and Eversource could attend a Board meeting and explain their perspectives on this new supplier. Also, Dick explained that this contract keeps us in the S. NH Planning power consortium, which also helps lower the power rates. At the Board meeting the new contract was approved and signed.

Russ reviewed the roadside pick-up program. The weather was not that good, so it limited the number of participants. Also, the cook-out that Russ had planned was cancelled. However, it was still successful, with an estimate of 70-100 bags of trash picked up from the side of the road. The bags were donated by NH the Beautiful and a roll-off dumpster was donated by waste management. Much of the trash was sorted to separate recyclable materials.

The NRRRA Conference and Expo- Russ and Al attended this annual conference. The conference has many vendors from New England and beyond, and has attendees from all over the country. The conference was excellent and a lot of good information was gathered from vendors and seminars. Recycling markets are still very good for properly recycled material, and a lot of new technology is up and coming that will improve things even more.

Al asked Chuck to review specs on our glass recycling. Chuck said that it's unfortunate that the recycled glass cannot yet be used for road construction. If that were to move forward, local glass vendors could do much better. Our glass is currently recycled by Waste Management, and is being used as landfill cover after being ground up to a sand-like texture.

Chuck reviewed NH landfills- when the current NH landfills are full, then all landfill trash will have to be shipped to far away destinations, such as Ohio. This will make trash disposal much more expensive. The landfill that WM takes our trash to (Turnkey) has applied for expansion and if it is approved, could stay open until 2034.

Chuck said that the recycling industry is working on the idea of setting up local "Eco Hubs" that will gather raw recycling materials and process it into reusable products all in one location, which will save a lot of money in the long run, rather than ship items to multiple locations to get them to a processor.

Old Home Day- there was discussion on whether there would be a Recycling/Energy committee booth at the event, to be held in August. This will be discussed at the June meeting.

Next meeting will be June 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling/Energy Committee member