

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
Aug 27, 2020

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Russ Dann, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.
Swap Shop volunteer Nancy Parkman also attended.

Ryan Polson, the representative for Standard Power of America, was invited to the meeting to talk about the latest info on the power supplied to the town.

Dick Snow ran a Zoom video conference of the meeting.

Clay gave an update on the progress of the new storage mezzanine in the main Recycling Center building. He has added a great deal of storage area, something that has been needed for a long time. The construction will be completed soon.

Swap Shop- discussion took place on how the Swap Shop was functioning. A lot of items continue to come in, and the volunteers quarantine the items for about a week. Nancy said that residents are following the COVID guidelines, and everything is going well.

Russ said he would like to especially recognize and thank volunteer Anne Lacey for working very hard and doing a great job sorting and cleaning items at the Swap Shop.

Russ talked about the first pick-up by Habitat for Humanity last week. They came in to pick up furniture and other items that they will bring to their store where they sell things to help them raise funds for their program that helps people in need. They picked up about 15 items. Besides helping Habitat with their worthy cause, this also helps the town by avoiding having to pay to discard the items.

Ryan Polson gave updates on the town's power supply. The contract with Standard Power helps the town get lower power rates, which is done through rebates from Standard Power. Ryan also mentioned that there is a hydro contract that needs to be signed to get things up to date.

Ryan then discussed the latest information on a new energy saving program. The "Community Power" program allows all residents of a town to participate so they can buy power at lower rates through the program which is set up by the town. This is a brand new program approved by the state. Ryan said he is working with Keene right now. They will probably be the first to use this new program. He will e-mail the committee specific information on this, and will keep us up to date as things progress.

Al discussed LED lighting. The Recycling Center was converted a little over a year ago, and the energy savings were reviewed using the Eversource bills over the past year, which specifically show the savings for each month compared to the same month the previous year. Over a full year, more than 20% has been saved in energy cost. Additional savings were seen in maintenance cost- Chuck said he has not had to replace or service any of the lights over the year.

Based on the information we now have on the savings of LED conversion, the committee is confident that it would make sense to move forward on street lights. Quotes will be solicited so we can have the specific cost and benefits of converting street lights to LED.

Next meeting will be September 24th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member