

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2020

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Gail Thomas, Russ Dann, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.
Also attending were Swap Shop volunteers Nancy Parkman and Cinny Griswold.

Dick Snow ran a Zoom program to have the meeting available online.
Swap Shop volunteer Anne Lacey took part in the meeting via Zoom.

Discussion took place regarding what to do about the opening of the Swap Shop during the winter months. Cinny expressed concern that they would have to stay inside and possibly be subjected to unhealthy conditions from people coming into the confined space. She said that the breathing could contaminate that air just like the smoke from a cigarette. Others agreed with this, and felt that something should be done so that volunteers could avoid the possibility of dealing with air that could potentially be contaminated. The idea of having limited hours was discussed. Another possibility discussed was limiting open times to warmer days when the volunteers could remain outside. After much discussion, the consensus was to close the Swap Shop for the winter beginning November 1st. Reopening would be based on when weather conditions would be consistently warm enough to allow volunteers to be outside.

Clay discussed the new mezzanine storage area he has been working on. The mezzanine will add a lot of needed storage to the main building. Lighting will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Clay also said he was able to find a lift at an auction for \$25. This will enable heavy items to be easily lifted up to the mezzanine area.

Russ said the latest power contract with Standard Power of America has been approved and signed by the Board. This will ensure that the town continues to receive rebates from Standard Power. This arrangement lets the town continue to receive the power bills from Eversource, but also allows us to earn lower rates through the Standard Power program.

Al talked about the initial phase of gathering information on the possibility for converting the town's street lights to LED. Based on the information we now have from last year's conversion at the Recycling Center, it is clear that converting additional town lighting makes sense. Al has started by contacting a couple of LED contractors and will also speak with Eversource to find out what restrictions or guidelines there are for switching the street lights.

Next meeting will be October 22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member