

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
May 27, 2021

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Russ Dann, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.

Gail Thomas attended via zoom.

Dick Snow set up the meeting to be available on Zoom.

There was discussion on a supplemental proposal from the low bidder on the RFP for street light conversion to LED. The rep from Affinity, Andrew, recently sent a supplemental proposal that would finance the LED conversion through Municipal Leasing Consultants. Their proposal would make it possible for the town to do the LED conversion without any up-front money.

As there were a lot of questions on the proposal, it was suggested that we set up an additional committee meeting and invite Andrew to the meeting to answer our questions. The meeting was set for Monday, June 7 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall meeting room and on Zoom.

Having a better way to post town information at the Recycling Center was discussed. There was no good place to have the roadside pick-up program notices available, which would have helped more volunteers become involved. Russ suggested that we could use the folding signs that were used to let residents know the covid restrictions. These signs could be used to post other Recycling Center events, such as Household Hazardous Waste Day, and could also be used for town events. Gail suggested we could also post notices at the Swap Shop, as many people stop there.

Al said he researched the Chester glass recycling program that Dick mentioned at the last meeting. The program in Chester would be run by a private company, and they are currently seeking approval to run the glass recycling program. The glass is ground to a fine sand texture called Processed Glass Aggregate (PGA) which can be used for road or other fill. Our glass from the Recycling Center is already being recycled by Waste Management, as they are using it for landfill cover.

Russ said that the return on cardboard recycling has gone up, which is a good sign that the recycling market overall will be seeing a bigger return on other commodities.

Russ said the Recycling Center now has a new part-time employee, and his name is Rich. The additional staff was needed to keep up with the many tasks they do.

The extra meeting will be on Monday, June 7th at 6:30 pm at the Town Office meeting room, and will also be available on Zoom.

The next regular meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member.