

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2021

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Russ Dann, Gail Thomas, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.
Dick Snow set up the meeting to be available on Zoom.

Invited attendees: Bob Hayden and Ryan Polson from Standard Power of America

Bob and Ryan did a presentation on a new Community Power program. Protocols for this type of power were just approved today through the newly approved state house bills HB 315 and SB 91.

The program is set up so that the community as a whole to use the same power source(s). Residents, and businesses that have a default meter, can use this program, but also have the choice to opt out of the program. The program advantages are: having lower power rates, using greener energy, and being able to make choices on community power sources. It is required by Standard Power that the program be supervised by a special town Community Power Committee. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must also be signed by the BOS to initiate the program. The town Community Power Committee would then be formed and would be committed to educating the public on the options available with the program.

As information on this program would need to be presented to the Board of Selectmen and to the community, it was felt that the program should be researched by the committee, and information then presented to the Board and at town meeting. Any possible startup may be held off until 2022 or even 2023. The committee will start looking at this, and monitor the Community Power program that was just initiated by Keene.

Al updated the committee on the LED streetlight conversion. Affinity LED is currently working with Eversource to resolve discrepancies in the streetlight ledger. The Affinity rep, Andrew, said he will try to set up a meeting with the committee sometime in September to review the completed ledger and review other possible conversion projects. He felt that the streetlight conversion should be done by the end of October.

Clay reviewed the shed roof project he has been working on that will cover the new waste-oil containers, and electronics collection area. He said the frame is now complete, and he will be working to get the roof on soon.

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There was discussion on fixing the compost bunker and the brush pile bunkers. The blocks are old and falling apart, and the base of each bunker has been dug out from years of scooping out the material. The cost of new bunker blocks and concrete slabs is being researched. Also, as concrete slabs will be used in rebuilding the bunkers, they would not be able to be moved again, so it was felt reviewing the site layout and maybe setting up bunkers in different locations should be looked at.

Household Hazardous Waste Day- HHWD will be held on Saturday, September 25th, from 8 am to 1 pm. The literature for the event will be picked up from the printer tomorrow, and Russ will try to set it up so that literature can be handed out at the Old Home Day event.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 23, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member.