

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2022

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Janet Lewis, Russ Dann, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.  
Gail Thomas attended via Zoom.

Invited attendee: Kevin Coughlin attended because of his interest in the possible formation of a Community Power Committee.

Russ discussed roadside trash pick-up, and how we might be able to get the word out to residents that might volunteer to help. He suggested posting on the town website, using the signboards at the town office and at the school. Also maybe it could be posted in the Neighborhood News. There was discussion on whether it should be one day, or a longer period of time. The consensus was it should be over several weeks- Kevin suggested it could be "Green-up Month."

Russ said he is looking into getting a new sign at the Recycling Center. He would like it to be an electric sign with a changeable message board. This type of sign could be used to post things like roadside pick-up. The sign could be also be used for notices for the Recycling Center, like Household Hazardous Waste Day, but could also be used for any town notices. Russ will continue to research this, and will give us updates when he has specific information.

Al gave a review of the Community Power Program. This program was proposed by the town's power broker, Standard Power. This is a new program they initiated to try and help town residents get better power rates by aggregating residents together to buy power from one source, giving the group the ability to buy power at lower rates. Resident Kevin Coughlin replied to the online notice that we were looking for interested people to form a Community Power committee. The program was explained to Kevin, and he felt that this was something he would like to help with. We would need to find other members to form the committee, so all were asked to try to come up with other people that might be interested. To help move this forward, it was suggested that Ryan Polson of Standard Power be invited to the next meeting. Kevin said he will speak to Ryan, and invite him to the next meeting.

Affinity LED updates- The proposal to convert the town office lights and surrounding areas has been reviewed by the committee and by the Board. Al has since looked into funding options for this, and has recently received proposals from Eversource and from Municipal Leasing Consultants. As he just received these proposals, he has not had time to study them, but will put information together for the next meeting.

NRRA Event- Russ brought up the Northeast Resource Recovery annual conference. NRRA works with towns and gives them valuable information and assistance with recycling. Their annual conference brings together vendors in recycling equipment, programs, and many other useful resources. It was suggested that committee members consider going to the conference to learn more about recycling and to gather information from vendors attending the event. The event will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel's Conference Center in Manchester.

Review recycling numbers- Russ handed out sheets that show the total amount of each recycling category recycled in 2021, and the recycling revenue for the year. The return on recycled materials is stable, and shows a good return for the year. Al mentioned an NRRA article that noted the recycling market prices are going up- a strong incentive for communities to encourage residents to recycle as much as possible.

Site work- Russ recently reviewed the Recycling Center site work with Chuck. The project will be a re-build of the compost and brush bunkers. The bunker walls are falling apart after years hard use, and the base of each bunker has been dug down due to scraping out the material. Severino has bid \$38,000 to rebuild the bunkers with new blocks and build new bunkers with a much more compacted base. The project has not been finalized yet.

The next meeting will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member