

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022

Attendance:

Committee members: Russ Dann, Gail Thomas, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.

Invited attendees: Resident Kevin Coughlin attended because of his interest in the possible formation of a Community Power Committee. Ryan Polson from Standard Power attended to discuss and answer questions on their Community Power program.

Ryan explained the Community Power program, which aggregates all residents in a community so they can form a group with buying power to get lower power rates. Although NH has officially approved this program, the state is still in the final stages of approving some of the specific statutes involved. Ryan said the PUC should be finalizing the rules soon.

Ryan stated that a committee must be formed to oversee this program and to seek resident input. A postcard mailer must also be done to make sure that every resident has the ability to opt-out if they wish. Ryan said that Standard Power would pay for the postcard survey.

Russ wondered if some people may want to stick with the Eversource so they can back the power supply they have had for years. Russ said that people should know that Eversource cares more about the supply part of power distribution, and not as much about being the source of the energy supply. Their focus is the delivery of power on their lines, rather than being the source of the energy. The delivery fee is a separate charge on everyone's bill, no matter who they buy power from.

Ryan said that several towns have already moved forward on this program, such as Keene, Wilton, and Swanzey. Deerfield is currently working on implementation. The timeline would need approximately a year to complete, and Standard Power would work closely with a committee to get a program in place. Estimated savings in the energy supply cost would be about 15%.

Ryan answered many questions on the program, and said he can be contacted any time to answer any additional questions.

We then discussed how we could get several other residents involved. Ryan would like to see a committee of five or more. Kevin said he had some people in mind that might be interested. The notice could also be posted on the website, and posted on bulletin boards.

NRRA annual conference- the Northeast Resource Recovery's annual Expo and Conference will be held May 16th and 17th. The event brings together recycling companies from all over, and

holds educational conferences on recycling. It is an important and education event and committee members are encouraged to attend.

Dick spoke about Candia's Agricultural Commission and their event to discuss composting at Charmingfare Farm on May 3rd at 7 pm. The event will help to educate and promote local composting.

Discussion on Household Hazardous Waste Day- This is an important event to help prevent hazardous waste materials from being improperly disposed of. Dick expressed concern that not everyone knows about the event and maybe it should take place a couple of times each year. Due to the high cost of the program, it was felt that it should be limited to once each year. We just need to make sure we get the word out in advance using all the available resources to inform residents.

Sign at road- Al noted the "Candia Recycling Center" and "Deer Run Road" signs are gone from the street sign post on Raymond Road. Although most people know where the Recycling Center is, this is a factor for any new residents, and for the many trucks that haul material from the site. Russ suggested contacting the road agent to replace it.

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 26th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member