

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Janet Lewis, Russ Dann, Dick Snow, Gail Thomas, and Al Couch. Kevin Coughlin also attended to give updates on the Community Power program.

Minutes from the April 28th meeting were approved.

Russ talked about a Swap Shop problem that has occurred- a person was bragging about the items they picked up at the Swap Shop and sold on e-bay. This was upsetting for the volunteers as the items picked up are intended for personal use only. Russ suggested we make a sign and post it at the Swap Shop which will make the guidelines for picking up items clear. Items are for personal use only and NOT for re-sale. Ideas for wording of the sign will be put together and a sign will be posted to make this clear.

Kevin talked about the progress of the Community Power Committee. This new committee was initiated by the Recycling & Energy Committee and Standard Power. The committee will put together ideas on aggregation of town residents to buy energy as a group, and will monitor and keep everyone informed of the options and best choices that are available. Kevin said he has approval from the BOS to initiate the committee and has been able to get additional committee members to join the committee. The committee members are: Brenda Coughlin, Dick Snow, Beth Chalbeck, Ryan Young, and Bill Saffie. He has also set up meeting dates at the Town Hall meeting room. He will keep us informed of their progress and the Recycling & Energy Committee will help the Community Power as needed. He gave the specific meeting dates that were initially set up and invited R&E Committee members to attend.

Janet mentioned that another event we should know about was Old Home Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 27th.

Recycling Center site work- the site work to re-build the two burn bunkers and the compost bunker was discussed. Russ said they have not set up any specific date for the project to start. Also discussed was possible use of the area in the back of the site behind the bunkers. Several ideas were discussed, but it was felt that there is no specific need to develop the area at this time.

Broken street sign- Al asked for the committees' opinion on how to best address the broken Deer Run Road and Candia Recycling Center street signs. All agreed that the signage was necessary, especially for anyone new in town and for the many haulers that access the site. Al will contact the road agent to ask about the best options.

LED conversion- Information on the LED conversion was given to the BOS several months ago. Al asked whether the Board decided to move forward on that. Russ said they have looked at everything and Andria has also reviewed the proposal, but a decision has not yet been made.

Electronic sign board- Russ said he is still working on gathering information on an electronic sign that would be at the Recycling Center, and could be used to post events for the Recycling Center and also for events and information for the town. He will continue to work on getting the info.

The next meeting will be June 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member