

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes- revised
August 25, 2022

Attendance:

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

Old Home Day- There was general discussion on preparation for the committee's booth at the event- where we would set up, and what we all needed to bring. Our objectives are to hand out information about recycling, answer any questions regarding the Recycling Center, and to inform residents on the Household Hazardous Waste Day annual event that will be held on September 24th.

Russ said that the Recycling Center fee for tires will go up from \$3 per tire to \$5 per tire on October 1st. This is due to higher transportation cost in addition to the fee that the town is charged for disposal.

Recycling Center Budget-Russ said the Recycling Center budget is all set. Also, Russ also pointed out that there is no budget needed for the committee as all member donate their time in addition to material donations. It was also pointed out that people like Clay Caddy and Roland Girard put a substantial amount of time into helping at the Recycling Center. Clay works on construction and repairs, and Roland does metal separation which makes the metals worth much more when they are recycled.

Sign project- Russ gave an update of the electronic sign he is looking into. The sign would be set up at the Recycling Center and would inform residents on recycling information and events at the Recycling Center, and could also be used to post town information and events. Russ is working with Bilsign, and they are looking into the best location to place a sign securely and where it would attract the most attention. Russ will get more information on this and present it at the next meeting

LED retrofit project-Al gave updated information on the LED conversion project for the town office and surrounding areas. Affinity gave us a quote on this in November. After reviewing financing options and discussing this with Affinity, they gave us a recommendation to move ahead with the Eversource Smart Start program. To encourage the retrofit, Eversource also offered the town a rebate of \$5,039 and noted that the rebate was good until October 1st. Affinity gave us additional information that tied in their quote with the Eversource rebate. When the Board approved the project, Affinity contacted Andria, and said there would be an increase of \$2,683 for the project. When this was questioned by Andria, Affinity then lowered their quote, but it was still \$1,372 over the original quote. Al Spoke to Andria and suggested that she tell Affinity that the Board wants the original price, or it will re-consider approval of the project.

Next meeting will be Thursday, September 22, at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member