

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022

Attendance:

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

The minutes from August 25 were reviewed. The minutes were approved with a re-wording of the paragraph on the budget.

Old Home Day review- The event went very well for the Recycling & Energy committee. It was a good chance to meet people, and hand out information on recycling and for the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Day.

October 26 meet & greet event- Russ said this event was just set up by the town. The event will be held at the CYAA building. Russ will attend but will be busy with the proposed Safety Complex project. Al said he would attend to have a presence for the RE Committee and to answer any resident's questions and hand out Recycling Center information.

Household Hazardous Waste Day- This annual event is held so residents can safely dispose of any hazardous chemicals in their home. Hazardous waste products are not otherwise allowed to be accepted at the Recycling Center as the waste must be handled by a state certified and trained crew. Clean Harbors collects all the hazardous waste and safely and properly disposes of it. There was discussion on who would be there and what each person would do. Set up will be a 7:30 so we can be ready for the opening at 8:00. The collection will go until 1:00 pm or until the budget runs out.

Affinity LED and Eversource financing & incentive- Al reviewed the status of the project to convert the town office and surrounding areas to LED. The most recent information from Affinity raised the price of their original bid due to higher labor costs. When Affinity sent their new quote, they also sent a document on the Eversource incentive amount. The incentive was reduced from \$5,038.92 to \$4,535.03. When Al asked Eversource about this, it not only took a long time to get an answer, but the Eversource rep emailed that the incentive was lower because we were using the Smart Start financing. This did not seem right, as the original documents sent to us on March were with the Smart Start program, and also showed the original \$5k incentive. Al has sent a follow-up email to address the issue, and is waiting to hear back from Eversource.

Recycling Center site work- There was discussion on when the brush and compost bunkers would be rebuilt. The bunkers are falling apart and at some point may not be functional. Russ said he is looking at various ideas with Chuck, but they don't have a specific plan yet.

Electronic sign- Russ has gotten a rough estimate on getting an electric sign board that would be placed at the Recycling Center. This sign would be able to display messages to town residents for information on things they should know about the Recycling Center and also for town information and events. The initial estimate is \$7,000. Russ will be gathering more information on the sign and where it might best be installed.

The next meeting will be October 27th at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member