

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2022

Attendance:

Committee members Russ Dann, Dick Snow, and Al Couch.

Meet & Greet event- Al attended the event to represent the Recycling & Energy Committee. He said that although attendance was low, he had some good discussions with several people about recycling. Russ said that was a good thing, and he would like to find more ways to reach residents to make sure they embrace the recycling programs.

Russ said he would like to reach out to the CYAA to see if they could improve their recycling. He said he will also call the school principal to see how they are doing with recycling and to see if they would like help with the recycling program.

Dick asked questions about the plastic recycling program at the Recycling Center. Al explained to Dick that plastic recycling is the most complicated category, and reviewed a sheet that detailed all the types of plastic. The number 1-7 categories we commonly see are only general groups, but this includes more than 60 different plastics that are used to package items and to make materials. At the Recycling Center, most plastics are mixed together, but #2 HDPE translucent plastic is collected separately because there is a much larger return for this plastic than the mixed plastic.

Funding for projects-there was a review of capital reserve and other funds that could be used to fund projects that are in need of being done as soon as possible. One of the major projects is to rebuild the brush bunkers and the compost bunker. Russ will investigate this further to find funds that could be used. Al asked whether it would be worth looking at grant programs.

Grant programs- Al said that from past experience he knows that grants are very difficult to apply for. Also, because most grants are juried they can also be difficult to get approved. Al said he saw an email from NRRRA that had information and tips on grant programs that are available through NRRRA and other organizations. He will look into to this and gather additional information.

As the next meeting date falls on Thanksgiving Day this meeting will be cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member