

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

Attendance:

Recycling & Energy Committee members: Clay Caddy, Dick Snow, Janet Lewis, Russ Dann, and Al Couch.

Community Power Committee members: Kevin Coughlin. Brenda Coughlin attended via Zoom.

Invited guest Emily Manns from Standard Power attended via Zoom.

Proceedings have been set up so that there will be two separate committee meetings – the Community Power Committee and the Recycling & Energy Committee. The Community Power Committee was set up to hold a public meeting so that residents could attend to get information on what the committee does and to answer questions on Community Power. The Recycling & Energy Committee will then hold their regular meeting.

Community Power- Kevin explained what the committee has done so far and what their next steps will be. Kevin said he has gotten a positive response from the BOS and from the public on the concept of community power. Kevin then turned the meeting over to Emily Manns of Standard Power. Emily did a detailed review and gave a slide show regarding the community power concept. Emily said they have already set the program up with several towns in NH.

After Emily's presentation, Kevin then answered questions on the program.

This portion of the meeting was then closed and the Recycling & Energy Committee opened their meeting.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Warrant article- there was discussion on the best way to get the \$25k funding for Household Hazardous Waste collection. This event is essential as it is very important to provide residents for a way to safely dispose of chemicals that would otherwise be dangerous to dispose of. Two versions of the warrant were reviewed- one would take funds from the unreserved fund balance, and the other would provide direct funding with the approval of the warrant article. After extensive discussion, it was decided that the best way to be sure the funding is available would be to have it funded directly from the town budget. The consensus was that people would vote for this as most understand how important hazardous waste collection is.

Site work- Russ said he is continuing to work on the project to re-build the brush and compost bunkers. He is working with Chuck and with the Road Agent to have the new bunkers properly positioned on the site.

Electronic sign- Russ is doing research on getting an electronic sign that can be used to provide notifications for town events and to provide information for residents on Recycling Center information and events. The sign will be able to provide important information to the many people that go to the Recycling Center every week. Russ will try and move forward on this after it is determined where to find funding for it.

Town report info- the committee's consensus was that there should be a report on what the committee has done in the Town Report book. Also it was felt that there should be a separate page in the Town Report package. Al will try to put together a summary report of the many activities and projects the committee has worked on, and send it to committee members for review.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member