

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2023

Attendance:

Committee members: Clay Caddy, Gail Thomas, and Al Couch.

The minutes from the May 25 meeting were approved.

Gail opened a discussion on Old Home Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 26th. The Committee will have a booth at the event, and we will need to get all the necessary items together. We will ask Russ about the table and the awning that he got for last year's event. We also need to work on all the other items, such as literature, examples of recycling materials, drinks and food, etc. We will discuss the specifics at the next meeting.

Clay talked about the Swap Shop project he is planning to do tomorrow. He will be setting up a pallet rack in the Swap Shop extension that will be used to store items more efficiently. There was also discussion on how to make better storage for the seasonal items that are currently stored above the ceiling beam area. The Swap Shop volunteers have said they need an area to make access easier for those items. Clay will look at ideas for that when he is there tomorrow.

NRRA annual recycling meeting- Gail asked about the NRRA meeting and if it was a good event. Al said that he and Russ attended, and saw many recycling vendors, attended several workshops, gathered some very good information, and got updates on the recycling markets at both the local and national levels.

Review site work and bunkers- The new brush and compost bunkers look good and seem to be working very well so far. The new site layout now allows for larger bunkers, and much more room to handle traffic and to store materials. A lot of the extra room available was made possible by the road agent dumping left over material at the back of the site over several years, which filled an otherwise unusable area. Al mentioned we need to find out where an area to store clean lumber can be set up. This would make clean lumber that is brought in for disposal available for people to take to re-use, rather than paying to have it shipped out.

Clay talked about a new plastics recycling plant that has been proposed in Pennsylvania that will make otherwise un-recyclable plastic material into a reusable material. He was not sure if the plan has been approved for construction. We will look at the available info online to get an update on the project.

At the next meeting we will discuss Russ's suggestion that we work on trying to find ways to gather ideas and comments on recycling from as many residents as possible.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 27th at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member