

Candia Recycling & Energy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2023

Attendance:

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

Recycling Center easement- The easement for the access road to the Recycling Center site was discussed. This had been an issue with the owner of the property which the road goes across. Janet was able to get a copy of the legal document that shows the agreement to have permanent use of the access road to the site. The property owner has not recently complained, but if he does, we now have the proper legal document to show.

Waste Management contract-Russ said the hauling contract with Waste Management will be renewed for another 5 years. It will begin in January, with an increase of 28% over the rate of the previous 5 year contract. Russ said Chuck checked a couple of other haulers, and the WM cost is still very reasonable. Russ also mentioned that a contract with WM gives us an advantage as they own the nearby Turnkey Landfill, so we would have priority to be able to continue to use the local landfill, rather than have to pay for shipping to a landfill further away.

Clay had previously suggested we contact whoever might purchase the Blevens' property on the corner of Raymond Road and Blevens Drive to see if we could get them to give us the old trailers on site. They would be used for storage at the Recycling Center. Russ said the property was recently purchased by the paving company that is behind the property, and also said that there is probably nothing left on the site that would be useable for us.

Plastic bag recycling- Resident Pattie Davis had originally set up plastic bag recycling, but then ran into some problems because the local Hannaford that was collecting them stopped accepting the large quantities that Patti was bringing to them. She found that the Northwood Hannaford would accept larger quantities, but it was a big hassle to get them there. Joe at the Recycling Center said he would volunteer to bring them there. Russ said Joe would be reimbursed for his mileage to bring the bags to the Northwood store. While on the subject of plastic bags, Al said we should try to make recycling of them more visible at the Recycling Center. We could try getting some plastic bag recycling bins, and maybe get a sign. NexTrex will be contacted to see if they will send the bins to us at no charge.

Clean Wood area- We still need to find a suitable way to store clean, usable wood that is brought to the Recycling Center, so it can be taken by residents. This would save us the high cost of transporting the material and then paying fees for landfilling it. We will keep looking for a suitable storage solution for this.

Guard rail- Russ will review options for getting a barrier of some kind to use at the edge of the steep hill at the rear of the Recycling Center site. The back of the site was expanded to enable setting up larger brush and compost bunkers. The new layout required a lot of fill, which made the hill at the back much higher and steeper than before. The rear of the site is now used for a storage area. Because the area is used often, it was felt that a barrier is needed so that it would insure that any equipment driven out back could safely access the area.

Metal pile capacity- Al mentioned we should look at the metal pile bunker because when he looked at the pile after a truckload of metal was taken from the pile to be recycled, he noticed that there was a large amount of gravel mixed with small metal pieces that were limiting the amount of metal that could be stored in the bunker. We should try and find a way to properly clean the material out to keep the capacity as large as possible.

Next meeting- The consensus was that we should skip having a December meeting, as people will be busy or be away. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 25th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Couch, Recycling & Energy Committee member