

## **REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER COMMITTEE**

Since our first meeting on June 11, 2003, the committee met two evenings a month for six months. In addition, committee members visited transfer stations of nearby communities - from Hollis to Keene, Rindge to Peterborough, and also both Jaffrey and Monadnock Disposal. Either directly or indirectly, we obtained documentation and data from dozens of communities throughout the Northeast. The committee developed and administered an opinion survey, receiving 268 responses, both in tabular form and many individual comments. We also received traffic counts from the Regional Planning Commission and data from a special Transfer Station log. This information and survey results are included in the report.

Throughout our investigations, we received excellent and willing support and cooperation from Jaffrey's Public Works Director, from the Town Manager, and especially from the workers at the Transfer Station. For that we are most grateful.

As a result of the investigation, the committee developed 12 recommendations and a wealth of supporting documentation. Following a public information meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2003, the committee increased the number of recommendations to 14.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) Jaffrey businesses and industry may use the Transfer Station/Recycling Center for disposal of recyclables. (Requires a change in the ordinance.)
- 2) The facility needs physical improvement to include better toilet facilities, heated work areas, safety barriers at the demolition dumpsters, and improvement of the access road.
- 3) Present signage of the facility is inadequate (i.e., areas not clearly delineated). Other towns and cities the committee has visited do a much better job. The Town of Jaffrey should immediately develop a comprehensive plan for improvement.
- 4) Dump Stickers - Enforce the present ordinance, which requires stickers to be issued by the Town Clerk at the time of vehicle registration. (License plate number to be noted on the sticker.) Provisions of the ordinance concerning placement of stickers should be observed. Nonresident taxpayers get stickers annually from the Town Clerk. Delete the requirement for annual issuance of stickers to residents. (Requires a change in the ordinance.)
- 5) Authorized Users - Provisions of the ordinance must be enforced. Police Department presence must be available when asked or needed to ensure compliance.

- 6) Provide shelter from the weather for construction and demolition containers.
- 7) Days and Hours - (a) Establish uniformity in the hours the facility is open; (b) if the day after a holiday is a normal operating day, the facility should be open; and (c) consider the possibility of having the facility open on Sundays for limited hours.
- 8) The Town of Jaffrey should immediately go to competitive bidding for both removal of solid wastes and for recyclables.
- 9) "Dump picking" to be permitted under conditions that protect the Town of Jaffrey from liability. (Requires a change in the ordinance.)
- 10) The Town needs to set a fee schedule for those items we presently pay to remove.
- 11) The Town should look into the labor cost of baling some of the recycled items to justify the time and money spent to do the baling.
- 12) The Town should consider regional household hazardous waste disposal.
- 13) The Town should consider ways to improve awareness of recycling.
- 14) The Town should report annually on the status of the Transfer Station/Recycling Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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