

Town of Waldoboro, Maine
Select Board Meeting
Municipal Building - 1600 Atlantic Highway
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

“New England has no better Americans than the Waldoboro Folk”, The Boston Herald - 1919.

1. **Call to Order** - This meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chair Jann Minzy with a quorum present. Also present was Ronald Miller, Abden Simmons, Katherine Winchenbach, and Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs. Clinton Collamore was absent.
2. **Executive Session(s)** - On the motion of Miller / Winchenbach, the Board voted 4-0 to convene in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) for discussion of the Town Manager Contract.

On the motion of Miller / Winchenbach, the Board voted 4-0 to resume regular session at 6:00 p.m.

3. **Adjourn** - On the motion of Simmons / Winchenbach, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

Workshop with Transfer Station - Present at the workshop were Waldoboro Select Board Members Joanne Minzy, Ronald Miller, Abden Simmons, and Katherine Winchenbach; Friendship Select Board Members Elizabeth Dinsmore, Arthur ‘Bubba’ Thompson, and David Benner; and Cushing Select Board Members Dan Staples and Alton Grover. Others present were Town Manager Linda-Jean Briggs, Marcia Smolin, John Lawrence, John E. Meyn, Monika Magee, Robert Butler, Marcia Drenzyk, Heidi M. Alley, and Lincoln County News Reporter Alex Violo.

Executive Director of the Municipal Review Committee Greg Louder was present with a presentation of the expiring PERC Contract and options thereof. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.

Board of Selectmen:
Town of Waldoboro, Maine

Joanne Minzy, Chairman

Ronald L. Miller, Vice-chair

Clinton E. Collamore

Respectfully submitted,

Abden S. Simmons

Liam D. Ducharme, Executive Assistant

Katherine W. Winchenbach



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Who Is MRC?

Municipal review committee with a goal of ensuring affordable, long-term environmentally sound disposal of municipal solid waste (MSW)

- Representing 187 Communities (*including yours*)
- Elected 9 Member Board
- 30 Year History



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Problem

Current 30 year msw contract ends in 2018.

- PERC model is not sustainable or viable
- Electricity contract (4x market rate) expires 2018
- Existing processes not efficient at lower tonnage
- Current emissions permits unlikely to be met with lower volume



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MEMORANDUM

Greg Louder, George Aronson, Sophia Wilson, and Greg Brown
Stephen Kaminski

October 14, 2011
Response to MRC Proposal

CT: I met with John Noer, Kevin Tritz and Kevin Nordsby on October 11, 2011. At this meeting, we discussed, at length, the results of our meeting on October 4, 2011. We came to an agreement as to our recommendation on what should be done with respect to the Bangor Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership ("PERC") after 2017.

As you know, we are all in agreement that our goal is to find a way to continue PERC's mission which we have succinctly described as follows:
PERC helps manage the municipal solid waste needs of Maine municipalities through an environmentally friendly, jobs creating, taxpaying, and market stabilizing business that provides a public service by generating reliable and cost effective energy that helps reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy.

Fundamentally, we are in agreement that, if possible, all those involved with PERC need to find a way to continue this legacy well beyond 2017.

Unfortunately, given the current project operating assumptions as they were detailed at the last meeting on October 4, 2011, we have concluded that it will not be economically feasible to continue operating PERC beyond the expiration of the Bangor Hydro Power Purchase Agreement on February 14, 2018. Consequently, based on these operating assumptions, we have recommended to John, Kevin and Kevin that the partners begin the process of planning for the orderly closure and decommissioning of the PERC facility. This conclusion, while difficult, is based upon the following operating assumptions discussed at our meeting on October 4, 2011. They are summarized as follows:
dated September 28, 2011:

1. the municipalities will not commit (GAT) of more than 125,000 tons and

PERC Closure Memo

Submitted to MRC October 14, 2011

- Future not economically feasible
- Begin process of planning for closure
- Recommends MRC to seek alternative options

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Options

Planning ahead to take control of our future

- Do nothing = lose local control of cost, impacts & consequences
- Take action = control cost, destination and environmental impacts

Finding The Solution

We've engaged in a multi-year effort to find the best answer to our needs

- **2007:** Planning for 2018 starts
- **2011:** PERC informs MRC it will be unsustainable past 2018
- **2013:** MRC issues RFP to find options; 15 responses
- **2013 – 2015:** MRC conducts research and site visits
- **2015:** MRC selects solution aligned with members' collective needs



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The Chosen Path

Once in a generation opportunity to control our future

- **Innovative Technology Partner:** Fiberight
- **Strong Financial & Technical Backing:** Covanta
- **Centralized Accessible Location:** Hampden



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Plan Highlights

Building a modern, clean & efficient waste to energy facility

- Meets our member communities' current needs
- Flexible to meet the future increase or decrease without penalty
- System provides flexibility in products to be marketed

Community Benefits

Local control. Local oversight. Local benefits.

- Reduces landfill needs by 60%
- One-stop location for MSW, organics & single stream recyclables
- Does not require out-of-state waste to remain viable
- No change to current trash and/or recycling programs
- Participating communities share in revenue agreements



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Evaluating The Options

	<u>MRC / Fiberight</u>	<u>PERC Plan</u>
Tipping Fees:	\$70/ton	\$84.36/ton
Fee Adjustments:	Annually	4x Year
Rate Guarantee:	Yes – in writing	No
Rebates / Rev. Sharing:	Yes – in writing	No
Landfill Destination:	20%	35%
Organics Program Cost:	Yes – Included	No – billed extra
Out Of State Waste:	Not Allowed	Allowed
MRC Oversight:	Yes	No
MARRA Endorsed:	Yes	No



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Project Timeline

Building the path to the future

- **Spring 2016:** Communities sign joinder agreements before deadline
- **Summer 2016:** Land purchased, roads & utilities construction begins
- **Fall 2016:** Site work and facility construction begins
- **April 1, 2018:** Facility ready to receive MSW



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We Seek Your Commitment

Together we can better manage the future

Your timely support will help ensure the continuation of affordable, long-term and environmentally sound MSW management in our region.



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