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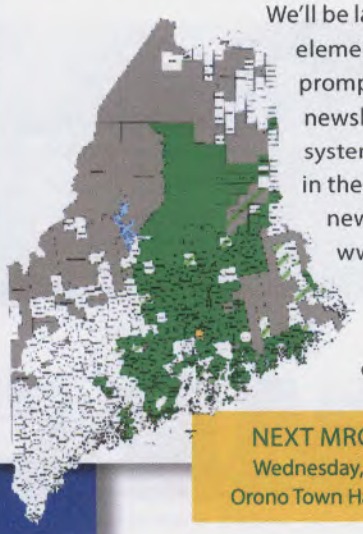
Happy New Year from the MRC!

Following a well-attended annual meeting in mid-December, we're preparing for another year of high-activity as our organization continues to prepare for a post-2018 transition to a new processing solution for our communities' municipal solid waste.

Just before the annual meeting, we attended a Hampden Town Council meeting to introduce the town to the exciting news that we had signed an option for a tract of land near I-95 to locate our proposed, state-of-the-art processing facility. This new development plan, which does not include a landfill, provides both an ideal location for our facility and provides new infrastructure in an area that Hampden has long wanted to develop.

> I hope to see you at the January Board meeting if you can make it and if not, please don't hesitate to reach out to either me or Greg Lounder, our executive director.

At their January meeting, the board will review the results of a University of Maine Engineering Department peer review of the Fiberight technology and decide whether to move forward with that company and technology for the site.



We'll be launching some new communication elements this year to keep members promptly informed, including this newsletter and a regular e-mail alert system that you'll be able to sign up for in the next few weeks. In addition to these new elements, we'll continue to keep www.mrcmaine.org regularly updated and to send along regular mailings.

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NEXT MRC BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 28 | 10:00 a.m.
Orono Town Hall | 59 Main Street, Orono

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON

Invite us to your community!

MRC Board members are always willing to attend municipal meetings in member communities to discuss developments as we move forward with our post-2018 planning. Feel free to contact any board member or Greg Lounder to ask for a visit.

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MRC member community engagement is important.

At the Annual Meeting, the Board asked members to participate in the coming years in the following ways:

1. Monitor MRC communications
2. Evaluate role in and needs for post-2018 system
3. Plan for Councils or Town Meeting to act on MRC proposals starting December 2015 (plan for warrant articles, etc.)
4. Give feedback on contents of agreements
5. Support MRC legislative positions

Timeline for Developing the Hampden Processing Facility

At a Hampden Town Council meeting on December 15, 2014, the MRC announced plans to develop a state-of-the-art solid waste recycling and processing facility in Hampden near Interstate 95. You can find more information about this proposal at www.mrcmaine.org/post-2018

2015	MRC will make exclusive commitment to preferred vendor and technology
	Extensive engineering & financial review
	Apply for permits & develop infrastructure
	Negotiate agreements to operate
2016	Seek municipal approvals of agreements
	If a sufficient number of municipalities approve: get permits, get financing & start construction
2017	Construct facility and infrastructure
2018	Start commercial operation

Three Business Agreements Needed to Operate the New Hampden Facility

1. Site Lease: MRC leases site to Fiberight with site use restrictions and basis for oversight

2. Master MSW Supply Agreement: A contract between MRC and Fiberight that supports financing, insulates towns from liability, and simplifies management and compliance

3. Town Ratification Agreements: Agreements between the towns and the MRC on delivery of MSW to Fiberight

2015: The Year Ahead

January-March

- MRC will make exclusive commitment to preferred vendor and technology
- Apply for permits, develop infrastructure
- Negotiate agreements

April-June

- Fiberight applies for permits

July-September

- Negotiate agreements

October-December

- Finalize agreements to present at the 2015 MRC Annual Meeting in December

More information is always available at www.mrcmaine.org

And don't hesitate to contact Executive Director Greg Lounder for more information:

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