



## Lakes Region Solid Waste Roundtable

### **Construction and Demolition Debris**

**December 14, 2017 – 9:00AM – 11:00 AM**

Humiston Building Conference Room

Parking and entrance at 14 High Street

Meredith, NH

**9:00**

#### **Roundtable Introduction**

- Housekeeping
- Participant Introductions
- Topics of Discussion

**9:30**

#### **Construction and Demolition Debris- Issues and Opportunities**

- Current Practices:
  - o What is your community's pricing/fee structure?
  - o How does your community handle and process C&D?
  - o What vendors are you using?
  - o Is any C&D being recycled?
- Obstacles
  - o Is your community making/losing money with C&D? Why?
  - o How do you determine what to charge?
  - o Should there be a different price for homeowners vs contractors?
  - o How do you determine a vendor?
- Opportunities
  - o Weight Scale?
  - o Recycling C&D
  - o Finding Markets for C&D
- Actions

**10:45**

#### **Summary**

- Major Points
- Next Steps

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### 1. Current Practices

#### a. Pricing Fee Structure

- i. Tamworth – no scales – some separation by type of material
- ii. New Hampton – by the pick-up load– some separation into piles. Shingles and wood with a mix of wood types – no concrete or brick accepted (What do people do with this?). Shingles 30 gal./person/day. Mainly homeowners.
- iii. Tuftonboro – everything goes into containers. Lot of shingles. Priced by truckload. Lot of contractors. No scales. Fees are not covering costs. Do accept from outside contractors.
- iv. Holderness – residents and contractors doing work in Holderness (must show Building Permit). Trying to cover costs but are getting crushed. Taxes to cover basic trash. Only covering 30-40% of C&D. Estimate C&D is 30-40% solid waste. Charged by waste type. Paying Waste Management (WM) \$70/ton plus additional fees.

Handout <https://www.lakesrpc.org/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Solid%20Waste/C%26D%20Pricing.pdf>

#### v. Overall thoughts

1. What goes out vs. what goes in
2. Why are you taking and charging for this anyway?

#### b. Materials handling

- i. Mattresses are a problem for all.
- ii. How do you measure?
  1. Cubic Yard – can't measure
  2. By the size of the truck bed - eyeball
  3. Would like to see scale (topic also raised at NH Municipal Assoc.) How much do they cost?

#### c. Vendors

- i. Our research shows that most (not all) Lakes Region communities use either Waste Management (WM) or Cassella for disposal
- ii. All four communities present use WM
- iii. Contracts range from 1 – 5 years-WM
- iv. Does the same company charge different rates to different communities for disposal?

#### d. Recycling of C&D

- i. Swap Shops need to be supervised, otherwise they collect junk that has to be handled again by staff (usually C&D), increasing costs. Some charge to put items in swap shop. Another opportunity for residents to slip and fall. In most communities, residents really like having Swap Shops.
- ii. A Handout of recyclable materials options for recycling was distributed
- iii. A lot of this takes volume (sales, handling, labor, and transport)
- iv. Storage space is a challenge

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- v. ERRCO in Epping <http://www.errco.com/> was discussed and should be explored further
2. Obstacles
- a. Making or losing money?
  - b. Factors determining pricing
  - c. Homeowners/contractors – different pricing?
    - i. In some communities it is mainly contractors with large trailers
    - ii. Worth charging a different fee?
    - iii. What is the percentage of Commercial to Homeowners? Varies by community.
    - iv. Perhaps the Home Builders Association should be involved in this discussion
    - v. Different priced sticker for HH and Contractors?
3. Other Topic
- a. Other Ideas – Electronics – Takeback days?
    - i. Alternatives
    - ii. Product Stewardship
    - iii. Where do you go to dispose of stuff? Need some information.
    - iv. Amnesty Days – Need value to the taxpayers
4. Opportunities
- a. Weight scales?
    - i. Laconia, Alton, Ossipee all have scales
    - ii. Could regional scale location be set up for contractors – a couple sites.
    - iii. Paid for by Cassella or Waste Management? In exchange for free or reduced hauling of local waste?
  - b. Regional Information – continue to gather and share
  - c. Regional Discussions – continue to move these forward
  - d. Regional Pricing
    - i. Regional Costs vs. Local costs
    - ii. It's not going to get cheaper. Very few towns are making money off C&D – who is? Drive cost down through regional efforts as opposed to small towns trying to change pricing on their own.
5. Next Steps
- a. What rates are towns paying for disposal?
  - b. Is C&D disposal different from Household in terms of disposal?
  - c. Are SAUs using town facilities?
  - d. Are we covering our costs? What should residents get for their payments to the town?
  - e. Scales - Would any community want to become a regional weigh station example – Auburn? Cassella offered that deal to Tamworth 20 years ago. Need volume.
  - f. Are there other vendors?
  - g. Benchmark what the “Break-even costs” are for LR communities. Also, how do communities determine what waste they will accept?