



Lakes Region Solid Waste Roundtable AGENDA

Meeting to discuss regional solutions for waste management and recycling

January 6th, 2020 at 10:00 am
Cook Memorial Library (Tamworth, NH)

Participant introductions

Brief overview to the solid waste management/recycling dilemma and the need for regional solutions to lower costs and increase recycling rates.

1) Identify/discuss possible strategies:

What towns could logistically work together and benefit from regional efforts to handle waste disposal and recycling?

- A.** Discuss the possibility of establishing a regional clearinghouse for information on solid waste disposal and recycling. Establish county funding for (part time) staff/part-time office (online-based?) to monitor existing town contracts as well as recycling prices and markets. Data center would benefit all towns, enabling them to share information about current prices and markets.

Can the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) help with this effort?

- B.** Help negotiate flexible contracts in order to get the best price for recyclables. *Paige Wilson, Lakes Region Planning Commission* will discuss the LRPCs potential role in helping negotiate regional contracts, increase public education, and gather/visualize solid waste data.

- C.** Help towns partner together to transport recyclables.

- D.** Provide a forum for transfer station staff share ideas and information at coordinated roundtable discussions hosted by LRPC and/or NRRA. Establish periodic follow-up meeting opportunities for transfer station staff to collaborate.

2) Identify/discuss other key participants and allies:

- A.** How can our legislators help us?

- B.** How can local economic development councils help us?
Encourage development of new markets for recyclables, perhaps include composting of food waste. Could we encourage private investment to develop solar on capped landfills?

- C.** What grant money or business partnerships might be available to help in these efforts?

3) Other ideas/suggestions/concerns