



# NEWSLETTER

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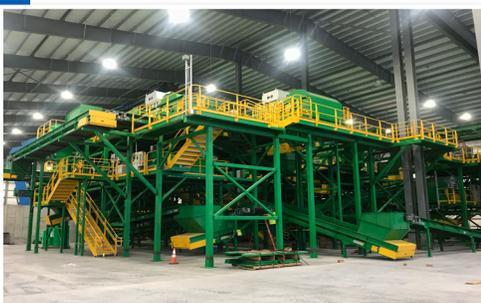
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## Coming Soon! Coastal Recycling Contracts

MRC Member Communities will soon have a new affordable option for single stream recycling. The MRC and Fiberight are in final negotiations with regard to the contract and will be sharing it with members soon. We're often asked what's different about this contract than other recycling options and the effect of the so-called Chinese ban on the import of recyclables. Fiberight/Coastal employs a unique and adaptable approach to processing some or all plastics and paper grades. The facility is capable of processing these materials into higher value energy products in times of down recycling markets. These products for domestic consumption help insulate us from Chinese and other global market forces. MRC member communities have a recycling option at a cost significantly below other regional alternatives because of the price cap in the Joinder Agreements. The adaptability of the Fiberight process to produce a wide range of recycled and other energy products, depending on market trends over the long term, was a key factor in the MRC's choice in 2015 to partner with Fiberight to develop a replacement MSW processing technology for the region.

Fortunately, Fiberight's unique method of producing finished products that don't rely on overseas markets protects us from unpredictable

and extreme fluctuations. This allows us the flexibility to offer a better and more economically sustainable way to manage municipal solid waste and recycling.



*Pictures to the left: The \$11 million front end of the facility is the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) with largely automated equipment for sorting, including six optical sorting units that can automatically recognize and sort plastic and paper items by type. The optical sorting equipment will be able to learn to sort for specific items as small as a Keurig cup.*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Board will be meeting monthly for the foreseeable future, typically on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1 - 3 pm. Every three months the date will coincide with the regular quarterly board meeting. Please note the meetings will now take place in Brewer.

### October 24

#### **Regular Board Meeting: 10 AM**

Brewer Auditorium  
318 Wilson Street, Brewer  
If you plan to stay for lunch, RSVP to [administration@mrcmaine.org](mailto:administration@mrcmaine.org)

### November 14

#### **Fiberight VIP Member Tour: 5:30 PM**

Coldbrook Road, Hampden  
Space is limited!  
RSVP to [swright@fiberight.com](mailto:swright@fiberight.com)

### November 28

#### **Board Meeting: 1 - 3 PM**

Machias Savings Bank  
Community Room  
581 Wilson Street, Brewer

### December 12

#### **Board Meeting: 1 - 3 PM\***

#### **Annual Meeting: 3 - 5 PM**

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Community Room  
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### January 23

#### **Finance Committee Meeting: 9 AM**

#### **Regular Board Meeting: 10 AM**

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# Timeline for Project Development & Construction

Fiberight/Coastal Resources of Maine  
Advanced MSW Recycling & Processing Facility

## Site acquisition and development

- May 2016 Closed on purchase of site
- October 2016 Groundbreaking and site preparation
- August 2017 Phase I road and utilities substantially complete
- September 2017 Phase II road and utilities substantially complete

## Facility financing (\$70 million total)

- August 23, 2017 Closing on equity financing
- Dec. 22, 2017 Issued bonds for debt financing

## Facility construction

- September 2017 Start construction of 140,000 sf building
- May 2018 Building shell substantially complete

## Facility construction (continued)

- July 2018 Interior floor and subgrade utilities complete (*Installed 3,800 feet of water service lines; 550 feet of sewer lines; 600 feet of storm drains; 8,600 cubic yards of soils/fill; 3,000 feet of electrical trenches*)
- October 2018 Install MRF equipment complete (>\$11,000,000)
- November 2018 Public acceptance of road and utilities
- January 2019 Commission MRF; take first recyclables and MSW
- February 2019 Install facility back end (wash, pulp, and anaerobic digestion systems)
- April 2019 Commission full facility; ramp up capacity
- Second Qtr 2019 Take MSW and recyclables at full capacity



Greg and others at the MRC Booth at the 2018 MMA conference in Augusta.

## ABOUT THE MRC

The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is a non-profit association of Maine communities led by an elected, volunteer board of directors. 115 members have joined together to ensure the affordable, environmentally sound disposal of MSW in the long-term and will send their MSW to Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine facility in Hampden, Maine for processing.

Visit [www.mrcmaine.org](http://www.mrcmaine.org) or contact Greg Louder at 207-664-1700 or [glouder@mrcmaine.org](mailto:glouder@mrcmaine.org) to learn more about the Municipal Review Committee and to add your name to our email contact list.

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