



NEWSLETTER

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Defining Waste as a Resource | Bioproducts

When it comes online in the next few months, Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine facility will process over 150,000 tons of household trash into bioproducts. With this innovative technology in place, we can lead the nation to change perceptions of the value of waste.

The process at the Coastal Resources of Maine facility will separate materials from the waste stream to produce a variety of sustainable products for aftermarket sale including plastic based bricks, paper pulp, and biogas. Lower grade plastics (films, Plastics 3-7) will be converted to industrial biofuel as a substitute for fossil fuels and low grade paper materials will be converted to cellulose for new products and/or biogas.

Meaning, that by simply throwing something away, residents of our member communities are recycling that material and helping to close the manufacturing loop for the production of new materials made with recycled content.

Moreover, as Fiberight is a recycling company, it will be offering a single stream recycling contract to MRC member communities at \$35/ton (half of the MSW tip fee). Due to the front-end MRF, the processing of recyclables are cleaner than traditional methods reducing headaches that others face from outside forces.

The Fiberight process ensures capture of resources left behind by even the very best local recycling programs while further exceeding current recovery and recycling strategies by capturing and managing virtually 100 percent of the organics left in the waste stream and converting those food wastes into biogas.

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.

December 12, 2018

Board Meeting: 1 - 3 PM*

Annual Meeting: 3 - 5 PM

Machias Savings Bank
Community Room – 2nd floor
581 Wilson Street, Brewer

December 28, 2018

Continuation of Annual Meeting

via conference call: 10 AM

(to announce board members)

January 23, 2019

Finance Committee Meeting: 9 AM

Regular Board Meeting: 10 AM

Machias Savings Bank
Community Room – 2nd floor
581 Wilson Street, Brewer

February 27, 2019

Board Meeting: 1 - 3 PM

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March 27, 2019

Board Meeting: 1 - 3 PM

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*tentative

New Plant Manager

Join us in welcoming Scott Alley, the first Plant Manager of the Coastal Resources of Maine facility. Mr. Alley is a 1990 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy, holding a B.S. in Power Engineering Operations and Management, where he also met the qualifications for a Marine Engineering degree. After graduating, he spent the first eight years of his career with Exxon helping the company elevate to a new level of Environmental sensitivity. Returning to Maine, he worked at the leather tannery in Hartland and at the Baileyville Mill before spending the last 18 years at the Rumford Mill under various owners. Along the way, he was able to obtain an MS Degree in Business from Husson University and holds a 1st Class Stationary Steam Engineers license from the State of Maine.

Construction Progress

- The area around the building is all paved even with the recent wintry weather we've experienced.
- The pulper arrived and was placed on November 20th. The pulper is a key component of the back or "wet end" which allows the facility to produce a wide range of recycled and other bioproducts.
- Installation of tank farm for the exterior Anaerobic Digestion plant has begun.



Recycling Contract

For communities with single stream recycling programs, Fiberight's Coastal facility is an affordable option. The contract will be discussed and featured with draft education and outreach materials at the MRC Annual Membership Meeting on December 12.



Under Development!

Please stay tuned for new Coastal Resources of Maine branding and new web and social presence.



ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

MRC regularly sends updates and announcements by email to those who have signed up for our alerts. We also have active Facebook and Twitter accounts where we share articles and post about events and interact with members. **Make sure to "like" or follow us through your town's accounts too!**

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.

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