



NEWSLETTER

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Fiberight completed the \$70M financing

Fiberight has completed its \$70 million financing for the completion of the Hampden facility. This is another major milestone in the progress to fully implement MRC's Plan for 2018.

After a fairly mild fall, the onset of a brutally cold January has not stopped crews from the diligent effort to stay on task.



Progress photographs of Fiberight's facility in Hampden, January 2018.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 31

Finance Committee Meeting: 9 AM

Regular Board Meeting: 10 AM

Orono Town Office

59 Main Street, Orono

ABOUT THE MRC

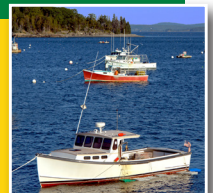
The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is a non-profit association of Maine communities led by an elected, volunteer board of directors. For more than 25 years, the member communities of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC), now numbering more than 180 cities and towns, have used the PERC waste-to-energy incinerator in Orrington to process their municipal solid waste (MSW). After 2018, the contracts with PERC will expire. The MRC has partnered with Fiberight to offer an innovative solution to recycle and process our MSW post 2018.

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Preparing for April 1st

Fiberight has closed on the facility financing, the construction of the facility is well underway and the MRC Plan for post 2018 is ready to be implemented. Construction of the Fiberight facility in Hampden has recently slipped due to winter conditions. The MRC anticipates that the new Hampden facility will need to take more time after April 1 before it is ready to accept and process MSW. Our approach is to time the acceptance and processing of MSW in Hampden in a manner that realizes the most complete level of MSW processing at the soonest possible time. It is possible that the first MSW could be delivered to Hampden as soon as the end of May, but that timing could interfere with construction and add to delays in achieving readiness to process MSW at full capacity. In the meantime, we are making preparations to implement, for up to 6 months, the back-up plan established in 2015 for disposal of MSW at the Crossroads Landfill until the Hampden Facility is ready.

We are also seeking to augment that plan by making new arrangements with PERC for temporary processing of MSW in 2018 until the new Hampden facility is ready. There will also be provision to transfer material long distances if needed. The target date to finalize this agreement is January 31. In all cases, the extra reasonable transportation costs will be borne by MRC and/or Fiberight, not the member communities. The MRC has set aside \$1.0 million in reserve funds for this purpose.

We are working closely with key regional solid waste service providers, who are working to pool their efforts on an integrated basis to ensure that the MSW processing transition underway in the region is a smooth one that minimizes MSW transportation costs and air emissions.

Payouts to Equity Charter Members Timing

As we fast approach the end of the current contracts with PERC, there are two payout dates that the Equity Charter and Departing Members should be made aware of. MRC and PERC have set a target date of March 15 to execute the payments of the \$1.5 million ownership interest account. If the withdrawal agreements are received in a timely manner, the larger payout for Departing Members will occur on or around August 15, 2018 from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund.



New Year, New Website

Along with the new plant this year, MRC is also creating a new website. With a fresh new look, the website will offer the most up to date information to keep our community members in the loop. As always, our goal at MRC is to provide you with service, ease of access, and all the information you need to make informed solid waste choices. The website will be there to answer questions pertaining to the new facility, as well as provide more general information and current events. In review at the time of this newsletter, MRC and the website developer are on target for a February 2018 completion date.

A Fond Farewell

This newsletter will be the final one received by the municipalities who have opted out of the move to the new facility. We wanted to take this opportunity to say:

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT.

Transitioning is rarely easy, and we sincerely hope that your path to new solutions is an easy one. We are excited for our new endeavor, and we hope you continue to watch the new plant grow, and perhaps someday decide to join us.