



# NEWSLETTER

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## Facility Construction Timeline

The MRC, Fiberight, the Town of Hampden, Sargent Corporation, and CES have developed a construction timeline for the remaining items to be completed that meets the needs of all parties involved. We are very pleased to report that this timeline is realistic and still shows the Fiberight facility opening by April 1, 2018 despite the many setbacks and hurdles we have had to overcome. The Construction Team is also meeting with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection bi-weekly to ensure all requirements of the licenses are met. While we expect that it to take time over the course of 2018 to achieve full processing capacity, we are pleased that the facility is track to accept and process MSW from Joining Members beginning April 1, 2018 at the \$70 per ton tip fee.

### June 30, 2017

Received DEP approval to initiate clearing, grubbing, and erosion and sediment control



### July 5, 2017

Sargent begins clearing, grubbing, and erosion and sediment control



### Late Summer/Early Fall

Foundation construction

### Mid-Fall/Early Winter

Building construction

### April 1, 2018

Accept waste



*Top photo: First stages of site clearing for new facility.  
Middle and bottom photos: Completion of Phase II construction.*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Wednesday, July 26**

**9 AM: Finance Committee Meeting**

**10 AM: Regular Board of Directors Meeting**

Orono Municipal Building  
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 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.

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

## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST & FOLLOW US 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, and we've posted informative videos from recent meetings on our YouTube account. All of these are accessible from the homepage of our website, [mrcmaine.org](http://mrcmaine.org).



## Has Your Community Exercised its Put Option for Sale of PERC Ownership?

In a letter dated February 6, 2017, MRC provided detailed information to a subset of member communities (Equity Charter Municipalities) regarding local steps necessary to exercise a Put Option to sell their municipal interest in PERC. As of this writing, 36 out of the 86 Equity Charter Municipalities have provided MRC with documentation of locally exercised Put Options. These 36 communities have secured their share of sale proceeds.

**The absolute deadline, established by a Settlement Agreement recorded with the Maine Business Court, for the Put Option exercise is December 15, 2017.** Communities that do not exercise their Put Option by the deadline will be subject to PERC's exercise of its Call Option, which may result in a price different from the one that has been agreed to. These communities will need to negotiate with PERC directly regarding possible retention of shares, or reaching terms of a sale of their interests with PERC.

If your community needs assistance with the exercise of its Put Option, MRC would be pleased to help. Contact us anytime via email to [glounder@mrcmaine.org](mailto:glounder@mrcmaine.org) or call us at 664-1700. Detailed information regarding local exercise of the Put Option can also be accessed at [MRCMaine.org](http://MRCMaine.org) under "Post 2018".

## Fiberight

Fiberight is making great strides toward reaching its financial close with its investors. As noted in the Construction Timeline, Fiberight paid the \$131,400 in-lieu fee to the DEP to satisfy the requirement in the US Army Corps of Engineers permit, which has allowed Sargent to commence site work under a contract with Fiberight to clear and grub the site to prepare for the building construction this summer and fall.



## Successful MRC/MRRA Composting Project in Hampden

To celebrate Composting Week in early May, the MRC sponsored an exciting project with MRRA to help educate children in Hampden schools on how their food scraps can be turned into valuable nutrients to support growing more food. In about a year from now, these same students will also be able to see the differences between a school diversion program to support growing more food and the and conversion of organics through the Fiberight process that don't get diverted at home. MRC believes both types of diversion complement each other in our efforts to care for the well-being of the planet.

## Update to MRC's Website

Have you ever tried to look back and find an email from the MRC that had links to certain documents? The MRC website under the News tab now has our emails to members (which include links to the documents) to make finding the information you need easier. We have also updated our Frequently Asked Questions section on the website, which is done periodically to reflect the questions that we often hear. Check out the new links at <http://mrcmaine.org/news/> and <http://mrcmaine.org/frequently-asked-questions/>.