



# It Takes a Village!

We'd like to thank PERC and Waste Management for their help in disposing of members' MSW while the Coastal facility is temporarily closed and we find a new operator. We appreciate Waste Management's flexibility when it comes to sending members' waste to the Crossroads Landfill. Their willingness to adjust to the unforeseen circumstances at the plant has allowed some members to send their MSW to PERC for processing when it makes logical sense. We are also grateful to PERC for graciously giving our members the opportunity at an affordable rate during this challenging time.



## Update from the State House

The Legislature will be sworn in on Wednesday, December 2nd and they will most likely begin regular committee meetings in the first full week of January. It is expected that the Legislature will NOT hold legislative sessions in the House and Senate Chambers until March, at the earliest. Cloture will probably be in the third week of December.

It appears that an attempt to limit out-of-state waste will be submitted by environmental organizations and some local neighbors of Juniper Ridge in the upcoming session. This group is currently petitioning the DEP to close the loophole allowing out-of-state waste at the state-owned landfill at Juniper Ridge if it is first brought in to be recycled. Proponents of a ban are arguing that more states are restricting the dumping of construction and demolition debris thus creating pressure to find a way to dump it in Maine. Those petitioning the DEP however, assume that it will not prove effective and legislation will be required. MRC will be monitoring the petition and legislation.

## Annual Meeting Update

Stay tuned for more details about our Annual Meeting in December! We'll be proposing a 2021 budget, announcing board members for a three-year term, as well as providing facility updates. The meeting will be held virtually this year.

## Driving around Bangor?

You've probably seen the new Casella wheelie bins that Bangor households now use. Overall we've heard positive reports about reduced litter and a more visually appealing way to collect residents' trash. To handle the excess cardboard, Bangor also recently installed cardboard only dumpster bins at **Bangor Public Works at 530 Maine Ave** for Bangor residents.

