

Trash Talk !

Should Harrisville Return to **Single Source Recycling**???



Draft Warrant Article:

Will the Town vote to transition the Willard Hill Transfer Station to Single Source Separation, to add staff, use the Recycling building and equipment we already own to separate, bale and sell recyclable materials for revenue, to revise the tipping fee set up to include fair pricing per pound of items, and to eventually re-open a “dumptique” shop for donations, that will benefit the Town Recycling Center?

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Harrisville Recycling Center Committee: Bev Packard, Connie White, Penny King, Diana Shonk, Recycling Consultant Ben Hoy, Kathy Scott Select Board Rep, Don Scott, current Planning Board Rep; Thank you to Courtney Cox, former Planning Board Rep.

Definition: “Single Resource Recycling = Source Separation”

Single Resource Recycling = Source Separation. This requires a resource to be cleaned and segregated at the point of disposal. The separated items can be bundled by staff and ready for sale. This method reduces the risk of contamination, improves quality of recycled material, and allows the best revenue for the Town.

WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW WITH OUR TRASH IN HARRISVILLE?

Dual stream system: Harrisville currently uses a Dual-Stream system, multiple materials are combined and removed by the vendor. Harrisville pays for removal of each the bin, regardless of weight. We pay for volume. The cost is for the trucking fee plus vendor charges. As a Transfer Station, Harrisville has no say about what happens to the materials once a bin is removed from town. Materials may be sold to a second or third vendor, incinerated, placed in land-fill, or sold for recycling. Contamination of a load can prevent recycling. Harrisville is presently paying a lot for trucking ! Harrisville is truly a transfer station only.

Harrisville Transfer Station 2023



Why Recycle? WASTE STREAM STATUS: HOW MUCH IS NOT TRULY BEING RECYCLED?

- * TO DATE: HUMANS HAVE CREATED 11 BILLION METRIC TONS OF PLASTIC
- * ONLY 9% OF PLASTICS EVER PRODUCED HAS BEEN RECYCLED AND 19% HAS BEEN INCINERATED.
(MIT Technology Review, 2021)
- * IN THE U.S., APPROXIMATELY 32% OF OUR TRASH GETS RECYCLED.
- * 72% ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS OR the ENVIRONMENT
- * 8-11 MILLION TONS OF PLASTIC ENTER OCEANS YEARLY (National Geographic, 2018)
- * IN 2018, 31.3% GLASS RECYCLED; 68% CARDBOARD AND PAPER RECYCLED, 45% METAL MATERIALS BEING RECYCLED. (EPA: 2021)

Links: you will need to cut and paste onto your own device:

Walpole Recycling Center & Transfer Station Video - What does Source Separation Recycling Look Like right now?

Website: <https://www.walpolenh.us/recycling-center.html>

Video: <https://youtu.be/aynf6zW2XK0>

Bottle Journey Video: https://youtu.be/_6xINyWPpB8?si=VR2BKk7PehitB75t

It is challenging to eliminate all single use plastic. Is all single use plastic recycled? Watch the journey of three different plastic bottles which shows us three typical consequences of using single use plastic.

Budget! Expenses, trucking costs, baling, management.

A. Trucking costs: we will no longer pay for trucking to remove paper, cardboard, plastics #1, 2, & 5's. This saving will help offset the costs for personnel.

B. All baled materials will be recycled for revenue.

C. We will hire a manager and assistant in addition to our current Foreman, Randy Tarr, Jr

D. We will reorganize the Transfer station using existing space and equipment. The bones are all present and functioning.

E. The recycling markets are slowly returning!

Single Source Recycling @ our Recycling Center ??



Community Recycling area on the West side, baling, etc, on the East side by employees.





Exit to the South

Bins for sorting etc



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**Please vote YES at Town Meeting, Tuesday
March 12th, 2024**