

Solid Waste Disposal—What's in our future?

Canterbury, NH Town Meeting, 2017



Our contract with the Wheelabrator Incinerator in Concord expires at the end of 2022. However, because of its age, and the possibility that the electric rate guarantees

provided to this facility could be reduced, it could cease operations before then. In any case, it is not too early for the Town to begin researching solid waste disposal strategies that do not depend on the Wheelabrator Incinerator.

To this end, the Select Board established the Canterbury Solid Waste Committee, which normally meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Meeting House. Our goals for 2017 are:

1. Determine the likely closing date of the Wheelabrator Incinerator.
2. Research the solid waste disposal technologies, methods, and companies available to the Town of Canterbury today and for a planning period that extends many years beyond the likely closing date of the incinerator.
3. Research currently available and emerging recycling options—including multistream (what we do today), dual stream, and single stream—to better understand what role recycling can and should play in our solid waste disposal plans.
4. Talk with neighboring towns to find out what they are doing with regards to the possible closing of the Wheelabrator Incinerator.
5. Gather all information the State can provide to help towns such as Canterbury prepare long-term plans for solid waste disposal.
6. Encourage participation in our work by other Town boards and departments, and all Canterbury residents.
7. Summarize our findings in a report presented at Town Meeting in 2018.

We look forward to seeing you at one (or more!) of our meetings in the coming year.

Canterbury Solid Waste Committee, March 17, 2017