

## Solid Waste: Draft Proposed Timeline

### Site Requirement Needs:

- Three-phase power.
- 3 (minimum) to 5 acres (based on current site size).
  - Space for:
    - Collection and separation of all disposed materials.
    - Short-term storage of baled recyclables (Pole barns?).
    - Installation of an elevated, drive-on weighing scale.
    - Composting organics (both food waste and tree debris).
- Easy access for trailer trucks, maintenance vehicles and citizen vehicles pulling trailers.
- Multiple lanes for citizens to access different operations and locations simultaneously.

### Project Cost Goal:

- To keep the final total under 2 million dollars.

### Town Meeting 2025

1. Warrant establishing **Capital Reserve fund** for: “*a new Transfer Station and all costs associated with designing, construction and equipment*”.
2. Solid Waste Committee presentation highlighting a proactive approach to make the move now to address the inevitable issues facing the current site.

### Year in-between Town meetings 2025-2026

1. Property Identification:
  - Seek and determine the best possible **location** that meets all required needs.
2. Community Engagement:
  - Conduct surveys and informational meetings to define scope of project, and address public **concerns**.
  - Seek and identify citizens with **expertise** in planning and construction that wish to become involved with the project.
3. Planning and Budgeting:
  - Detailed **estimates** of costs associated with the identified requirements regarding site layout, facility construction and equipment purchases.
  - Identify potential **phases** for project construction.

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### **Town Meeting 2026**

1. Warrant for **land** acquisition.
2. Significant Capital Reserve **allotment** towards anticipated new facility cost, to include engineering and any other related expenditure towards preparing the site.

### **Year in-between Town meetings 2026-2027**

1. Collaborate with **professionals** to obtain true and realistic budget costs.
2. Actively seek **grants** to support construction of the facility and/or for equipment.

### **Town Meeting 2027**

1. Warrant to **build** new facility, accounting for previous reserves allocated to the project.
  - Can be either phased or whole site approach