

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (SWRC) Annual Report 2018

Beginning July 1, 2016 the town of Fayette joined our Solid Waste and Recycling facility as a subscriber entity. This was a trial basis for Fayette as they had lost their former provider of these services and were interested in seeing how the fit would be in Readfield. Readfield and our member town, Wayne, welcomed Fayette and looked forward to seeing how adding a third town to the mix would work out. Looking back, over a year later, we can see that the transition went according to plan and operations continued to run smoothly. According to the long-term plan we transitioned to a three-member operation, now operating as the Readfield Transfer Station, with Wayne and Fayette as member towns. Each town pays a share of the expenses and capital improvements according to the State property valuations. This formula has proven to have benefits to each town and is allowing for timely capital improvements to occur.

Operation costs have been relatively stable over the past three years. With an ever-changing world market for recyclables our revenue from or costs for recycling materials is quite variable. Our recycling rate continues to be lower than we desire and the SWRC is always looking for ways to increase this rate through education to the public.

The SWRC has expanded and is now comprised of all three member-towns and the Transfer Station Manager. Each town is represented by their Town Manager, one Select Board member and two other citizens. This committee meets once every three months, rotating meeting location by towns, to review operations, budget, expenses, capital projects and safety reports.

All three member-towns are pleased to be working together for the benefit of each town, and welcome input from the public. Look for updates and articles on the Readfield town website and in the Messenger.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Chair SWRC