



# NEWSLETTER

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## THANK YOU!

It's hard to believe that April 1, 2018 has come and gone and that we are implementing our plans that began over 10 years ago. I want to thank the 115 Joining Members who have come together to continue to manage MSW issues as one regional non-profit organization. Our strength comes from our ability to solve problems collectively. The MRC is here to assist municipalities navigate through this transition period until Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine, LLC (Coastal) new recycling and MSW processing facility is fully up and running.

We are thankful for your patience during this transition period. Fiberight, MRC, Cianbro (general contractor), and CES, Inc. (engineer), are meeting on a regular basis with DEP and the Town of Hampden to monitor progress and seek ways to accelerate building and concrete construction so as to install the MRF (materials recovery facility) front-end portion of the plant as soon as possible. Fiberight/Coastal's General Contractor, Cianbro, anticipates having an updated schedule next month, and we will share that timeline with members. In the meantime, the MRC membership is sending their MSW to the two final interim disposal locations, Crossroads Landfill and Juniper Ridge Landfill (JRL). We appreciate your support while we reached this short-term solution and will keep you updated as plans for Fiberight/Coastal's opening come together.



*April 16, 2018 construction photos*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**April 25**

**Finance Committee Meeting: 9 AM**

**Regular Board Meeting: 10 AM**

Orono Town Office

59 Main Street, Orono

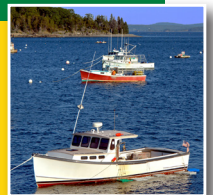
## ABOUT THE MRC

The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is a non-profit association of Maine communities led by an elected, volunteer board of directors. 115 members have joined together to ensure the affordable, environmentally sound disposal of MSW in the long-term and will send their MSW to Fiberight's Coastal Resources of Maine facility in Hampden, Maine for processing.

Visit [www.mrcmaine.org](http://www.mrcmaine.org) or contact Greg Louder at 207-664-1700 or [glouder@mrcmaine.org](mailto:glouder@mrcmaine.org) to learn more about the Municipal Review Committee and to add your name to our email contact list.

## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST & FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

MRC regularly sends updates and announcements by email to those who have signed up for our alerts. We also have active Facebook and Twitter accounts, and we've posted informative videos from recent meetings on our YouTube account. All of these are accessible from the homepage of our website, [mrcmaine.org](http://mrcmaine.org).



## Transition Period Logistics

As you are aware, with the Fiberight/Coastal recycling and processing facility not yet up and running, the Joining Members must use our backup. Given the delays that this project has faced, it is fortunate that our members have a viable disposal option at an affordable price. We were pushing hard to find a way to process MSW for members up until the last possible moment and held onto that hope while still working on a backup solution. Once we realized that the MSW would have to be go to either Crossroads or JRL, we made members aware of these changes. Your patience as the MRC finalized the interim delivery locations is greatly appreciated.

There were many moving parts which forced this “swap agreement” between Waste Management/Crossroads, Casella/JRL, MRC and Fiberight/Coastal to come together so close to the April 1 deadline. We are thankful that all parties involved were able to find a solution that minimizes excessive transportation and costs for our members despite the landfilling that occurs until the Hampden facility is fully up and running. The late hour of the notice relates to the complex transportation issues, the amount of time it took to secure the arrangement, and our holding out until the last possible moment to try to find a way to process MSW. At time of printing, all reports from JRL and Crossroads are positive. If you or your hauler has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Louder.

## MRC at the Annual MRRA Conference

April 23–24



MRC Executive Director Greg Louder is presenting at the Maine Resource & Recovery Association’s 25th Annual Maine Recycling and Solid Waste Conference on Regional Cooperation on **Tuesday, April 24 at 9:05 AM**. In keeping with true Greg style, his talk will be littered with sports analogies and provide an inside baseball perspective on best practices and lessons learned. The two day event is the state’s only integrated conference for those in the recycling and solid waste industry and runs **April 23 - 24 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport**. Make sure to stop by MRC’s booth if you attend!

## PERC Mailer: This is Not a Solicitation

The MRC has become aware that PERC is distributing hand-outs at their scale house entitled “This is not a solicitation”. The hand-out claims to offer MRC communities the ability to delivery solid waste to the PERC facility on a short-term, temporary and no contract basis, and contains the statement “This is not a solicitation or inducement to have communities disregard the requirements of the MRC landfill agreement.”

### Familiar Face in New Role

Fiberight is pleased to announce and welcome Shelby Wright as Director of Community Services. Shelby will act as municipal liaison and will be working closely with MRC and their member communities.

Her responsibilities also include recycling education and outreach, developing new business opportunities, and creating customized diversion programs for problematic materials such as textiles. Prior to joining Fiberight, Shelby was Maine Resource Recovery Association’s Director of Communications and Development.

You can reach Shelby by email at [swright@fiberight.com](mailto:swright@fiberight.com) or call **207-592-6432**.

**Do not be misled by the hand-out.** Joining Members and haulers should continue to deliver MSW to the Crossroads Landfill, the Juniper Ridge Landfill, nearby transfer stations, or other destinations as directed by the MRC—which do not include the PERC Facility at this time. **Joining Members and haulers that deliver MSW to PERC as suggested by the PERC hand-out, thereby disregarding instructions from and contractual obligations to the MRC, will be exposing their municipalities to significant legal liability.** Possible consequences range from monetary penalties to potential loss of their long-term agreements for MSW disposal and the attendant benefits.

The MRC recognizes that service transitions can be difficult and confusing. We are doing all we can to have the Hampden Facility ready to accept MSW as quickly as possible. Until that time, we ask you again to honor your contractual commitments by ensuring that MSW is delivered in accordance with MRC instructions. Thank you for your patience.