



MEMORANDUM

To: Citizens of Castine
From: Jimmy Goodson
Date: October 2, 2018
Re: Recycling in the Town of Castine- update

In recent years, Castine has been above 20% in what we have been able to recycle. But in the past year, China, the largest recipient of U.S. recycling has decided to stop taking most of our recycled material. Several weeks ago (September 7), we received notice that Casella is raising their fee for zero-sort from \$0 (per our contract expiring June 30, 2019) to \$140/ton. We recycle approximately 6 tons each month which would be approximately \$3,360 until the end of the January- our budget is \$0.

At this time, the Fiberright waste facility is finishing construction (originally scheduled for April 2018) and according to MRC, the facility will begin taking Castine's MSW in January. Fiberright has also committed to accept MOST of our recyclables (see list below) for \$35/ton when they open.

In this 4 month interim period, there are 3 choices:

We could pay Casella an unbudgeted \$3,360

We could send our recyclables to the Juniper Ridge Landfill for \$1,680, or

We could send our recyclables to PERC for incineration, generating electricity, for \$1,800.

At yesterday's meeting, the Castine Selectboard voted to send our recycling to PERC until the Fiberright facility opens.

Fiberright Single Sort Recycling Guidelines

Paper & Shredded Paper (clear bag only)
Clean Cardboard & Pizza Boxes
Clean Paper Plates & Paperboard
Newspaper & Newspaper Inserts
Magazines & Catalogs
Mail & Envelopes
Office Paper
Phone Books
Books & Paper Bags
Milk & Juice Cartons, Drink Boxes

Plastics #1 & #2

Water Bottles, Milk Jugs, Detergent Bottles
All rigid containers with a #1 or #2

Metal

Tin Cans
Aluminum Cans & Aluminum Containers
Aerosol Cans (empty) Pots & Pans

All containers must be empty

No Styrofoam of any kind
No glass
No plastics higher than #2

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