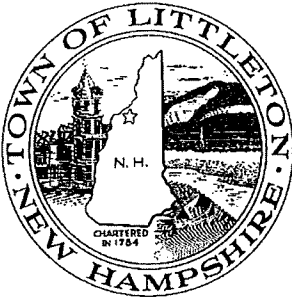


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Please find letter of support attached, thank you!

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September 15, 2020

NH Department of Environmental Services

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a formal written testimony giving strong support of the landfill expansion as proposed by NCES – **Permit # DES-SW-SP-03-002.**

Like most towns, Littleton plans for long term tax stabilization, however, challenges such as this, when they arise, can create unreasonable burdens on Littleton and the regions tax burden. If this permit is not approved, we anticipate the following:

Hauling Fees Increase Dramatically

- Current disposal cost per year is \$33,655, this is expected to double to \$67,310, and does not include added material through our facility, this could be 2.5 to 3.0 times the current amount. This is based on being allowed to go to the closest landfill
- Expected shortfall in trash haulers for hire to move material causing longer wait times and high prices because of demand
- Waste Water Treatment Plant bio-solids disposal will increase by \$23,00

Tipping Fees Unknown

- Unknown factor until we negotiate a price
- Less competition could skyrocket tipping costs

Increase in Quantity

- Currently we do not have room for stockpile of material
- If nearby NCES closes, we expect large increase in material
- Contractors will not bring direct to landfill
- Private haulers will increase prices due to driving longer distances
- Haulers could shut down or drastically cut services
- With added material we can expect to have to hire more employees which could raise costs to users
- Expected increase of 20% in MSW (278,000 pounds) and 50% increase in C&D/Bulky (535,000 pounds) going through our facility

Facility Set Up

- Not current set up for a large influx of material
- Need more equipment, employees, and a new set up to handle the material
- Equipment costs could be \$200,000 to \$300,000
- Hire 2 more part-time employees, possibly more
- Would possibly have to stop taking recycling from nearby towns that do not have recycling centers causing more trash to go into the landfill

Road Conditions

- As a result, this could cause road issues as traveling long distances can impact on the maintenance of roads, more emissions, wear and tear, tires, etc.
- Hazard for other drivers, especially in winter

Benefits of the Expansion

- Allows for more time for the state and experts to come up with solutions to the solid waste disposal problem
- Towns could start food composting once the DES guidelines are changed
- Expanding C&D recycling efforts in NH (currently no options in Northern NH)
- The North Country could look into changing how they handle solid waste

We respectfully request your consideration of the impact of this decision on the community and region. We are happy to discuss further or answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager,

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Vice Chair

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