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**Town Meeting Requested To Vote On Dump Contract**By CARLA CHARTER
TEMPLETON - Ray Voutilla and Bob Mitchell of Citizens Against the Dump (TCAD) took out petitions Friday to request a special town meeting to vote on whether they accept the contract with New England Waste Services. (NEWS).
"We've found many citizens in town felt the dump problem was solved because of the last special town meeting where there was a change in the by-law to eliminate outside trash from coming into town and eliminating the enterprise fund."
The issue is so important, Voutilla continued, a special town meeting should be held to get the support of the people in case the dump issue has to be challenged in court. Citizens Against The Dump members will be going door to door to collect the required 200 signatures. It can go to a special town meeting, said health agent Richard Stevens, but whether the vote would rescind the contract is unclear.
Both sides are currently waiting for a decision from the attorney general regarding whether the by-law change, which excludes outside trash from town, is valid. The attorney general has until May 25 to reach a decision. If the by-law stands, said Stevens, then what happens next will be up to NEWS. If the by-law is ruled invalid, "then the project moves forward unless someone breeches the contract."
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**Questions Arise Over Health Board Memo**
By CARLA CHARTER
TEMPLETON - Questions surrounding a board of health memo surfaced Monday at the selectman's meeting. The unsigned memo denied Citizens Against The Dump (TCAD) access to hiking the landfill area on April 17. Although town residents are denied access to hiking the area, New England Waste Services and Lynnfield Engineering, according to the memo are not.
"Why are private companies allowed there when the townspeople who are paying taxes on it are not?" said TCAD member Bob Columbus.
The board manages the landfill, said town counsel Mark Goldstein, "Hopefully their reasons for posting it are legitimate and not fictitious."
Columbus wants to know why the memo was delivered to TCAD on the day of the hike by a police officer. "Why didn't they deliver it personally?"
Selectmen will contact the board of health to seek answers.