

WARNING
TOWN OF VERNON, VERMONT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Vernon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vernon Elementary School Gymnasium, 381 Governor Hunt Road, at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, **June 4, 2024**, in said Town to act upon Articles 1 and 2 below.

Article 1: Shall the voters authorize the construction and operation of a Mobile Transfer Station on town hall property for refuse, recyclables and compost at a total estimated cost of \$167,492 comprised of \$16,450 for supplies, materials, and yard fencing to be paid from the Solid Waste Fund, \$58,200 for trash roll-off rental, part-time attendant and trash disposal fees to be paid from Pay As You Throw revenue, and balance of **\$92,842** for recycling roll-off, and compost container rental, as well as recycling, compost, and municipal solid waste disposal fees **to be raised by taxes?**

Article 2: If Article 1 is a No vote, shall the voters authorize the town to dissolve the Pay-As-You-Throw Fund and cover any negative expenditure from the Solid Waste Fund?

Vernon will no longer be offering Solid Waste services through Casella. It is too burdensome for Vernon to move to automated collection with Casella. The contract would be for 5 years with a 5% increase yearly and additional fees for recycle contamination and a fuel surcharge when diesel is over \$4.00 per gallon. The cost would be more than triple the current cost, a new policy and procedures would need to be created and adopted and the Town would need to hire an additional staff member to generate the billing, collect the revenue, monitor the payments, discontinue services when payment isn't received and be responsible for the coordination of services with Casella.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ARTICLE 1

- “Mobile” Transfer Station located on the grounds of the town office building. No new brick and mortar required. Limited and reasonable permitting required.
- Transfer Station open for use 16 hours a week. Attendant on site.
- Transfer Station offering drop off trash, recycle, and compost to residents ONLY.
- Recycling and compost funded mostly via article at town meeting.
- Trash funded PAYT. Annual Access Sticker Fee:\$50.00
- Set up to be experimental and easily dissolved with potential to recoup costs via selling assets if not successful. There will be “Growing Pains” while the nuances are sorted out.
- Municipal trash and recycle goes out to bid separate of this program.
- 2 different rates: \$2.15 - 13 gallon and below, \$4.30 - 14 gallon- 33 gallon
- Use traditional garbage bags residents buy, PAYT reusable cards are purchased.

ARTICLE 2

- The Pay As You Throw program currently has no deficit.
- Residents can contract with a private hauler for \$40-\$50 per month for curbside refuse and recycling collection.
- The Windham Solid Waste Management District in Brattleboro on Ferry Rd. offers a full array of Solid Waste services: \$60 annually for an access sticker and \$5 per 33-gallon bag or household trash. No Charge for recycle and food scraps with an access sticker. Disposal fees can be found on their website: <https://windhamsolidwaste.org/transfer-station/disposal-and-recycling-fees>.
- If residents vote no on Artic #1 the Municipal waste would still need to be picked up.

**There will be an INFORMATIONAL MEETING held
on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Vernon Elementary School
Gymnasium, 381 Governor Hunt Road**

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