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At this month’s meeting we will have updates on our election of officers for the coming year. That alone is worth the price of admission, but there’s more…

One sure sign of spring we have noticed is our drop-off sites begin to get busier and we’ve definitely seen an increase in traffic in the past few weeks…But there’s also been large amounts of snow which closed all sites for one Saturday. Which is why we have begun looking forward to spring and maintenance at sites that include grading and roll off box repairs. These projects are in addition to the large renovation of the Georgia Recycling Facility. This project is being permitted and will be going to bid in the next two weeks. We have attached the latest site drawings for your information. I expect the building committee will have a meeting in April or May and I will keep you all informed when I see the bid documents.

As I noted above we closed our sites due to the foot of snow we received earlier in March. We will be closing the Georgia Recycling Center on April 8th for the Eclipse. Not that we expect the actual eclipse to cause any problems, but the anticipated number of visitors and traffic problems were a concern. We didn’t want to add to the situation and were concerned for employees who could be stuck on their way home from work. So we made the decision to close the site and our administrative office for the day. Who knows how many people will actually arrive in our region but we felt it was better to play it safe.

After our last meeting we released a Request for Proposals for a food scrap collection truck. However, the responses were not what we were expecting. There were only three responses and those responses were not what we were looking for. I will discuss the process at our meeting and what I hope our next steps will be.

In this Legislative session there was only one solid waste related bill that saw discussion. That bill called for all primary and rechargeable batteries to be covered by the state’s existing producer responsibility law and to ban these items from the landfill. I was able to give testimony to the Senate where the bill passed just before crossover and we expect it to be taken up by the House Natural Resources Committee, and hopefully by the legislature as a whole, before the end of this year’s session.

Finally, last week I received confirmation from the Town of Alburgh for the NWSWD that they are still interested in the NWSWD assuming operations of the Alburgh transfer station. I look forward to meeting with folks at the town in the next few weeks to answer questions and fine tune the details of an agreement. I will contact the operations committee to schedule a meeting for the end of April to discuss next steps.

As always, thanks for your commitment to what we do and know that I value your input and contributions to our mission.

Onward - John