

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON
ARTICLES 3 AND 4**

Please join the Board for a “how and why” discussion regarding Articles 3 and 4 on the ballot for the March 1, 2016 vote.

Meetings will be held:

*Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00p.m at the Fairfax Fire Station
and
Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairfax Fire Station*

Article 3: Discussion regarding a potential 48-month contract with Casella. The current contract with Duffy’s is concluding and the Board has performed extensive research on the options available for future hauling services under the new strict requirements mandated by the State of Vermont under Act 148.

This article is not only about whether or not the taxpayers wish to continue with curb side service at the quoted costs (and a substantial increase to the budget) or join the Northwest Solid Waste District and discontinue curbside service.

Projected costs of the Casella contract:

Year 2016: \$410,000.00 (8 months May through December).

Year 2017: \$633,450.00

Year 2018: \$652,454.00

Year 2019: \$652,450.00 Year 2020: \$205,000.00 (4 months January through April).

The total contract: \$2,553,354.00

The pros, cons and fiscal impact to the taxpayer associated with both will be provided.

Article 4: Discussion as to whether the town desires to move the fiscal year to a July 1-June 30 calendar. This change would help the town comply with the governmental auditing standards and change the cycle of tax payments. The discussion will focus on the transition process; explain how tax payments will be divided into bi-yearly installments and how the budgeting process will work in the meantime.

Please attend! The meetings will be brief but the Select board wants to provide as much information as possible to everyone on both of these topics so that your vote on March 1 will be an informed one! Thank you!

Tom Fontaine, Lauri Fisher, Leebeth Lemieux, Randy Devine and Duane Leach



PLEASE ATTEND! BE INFORMED!