

TOWN OF HARTLAND

BOARD RESOLUTION TO OPTIMIZE THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO FUND LANDFILL CLOSURE

WHEREAS, the Town of Hartland operates a secure landfill on Pleasant Street in Hartland that accepts waste including Hartland wastewater treatment plant sludge, solid waste from the Tasman Leather plant in Hartland, and other MDEP approved solid waste streams; and

WHEREAS, the Town has made significant investments in the Town's solid waste management, including the permitted 8.8 acre Pleasant Street secure landfill; and

WHEREAS, currently 3.5 acres of the Pleasant Street landfill is operational, with the remaining 5.3 acres as permitted additional capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Street landfill is an integral component in the Town's efforts to manage the solid waste disposal costs and needs of the Town's residents, businesses, and industry, and the Town desires to continue to support environmentally compliant and cost-effective solid waste management (including avoided costs for alternate disposal); and

WHEREAS, the Town has undertaken reasonable and best practice efforts to manage solid waste materials coming into the secure landfill, including timing of deliveries, management of odors, and active monitoring of the landfill to avoid and/or minimize impacts beyond the landfill boundaries; and

WHEREAS, any requirement to eliminate the acceptance of currently permitted waste streams in order to close the landfill prematurely could disturb the environmentally compliant waste placement practices of the solid waste management system; and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Street landfill is the subject of a longstanding application for re-licensure for the overall 8.8 acre secure landfill in order to continue current fiscal benefits for the Town; and

WHEREAS, the existing 3.5 acre landfill cell is nearing full capacity; and

WHEREAS, of the overall landfill footprint of 8.8 acres, there is a planned capacity of an additional 5.3 acres and new landfill cells will need to be designed, constructed, and opened in order to implement the additional planned capacity; and

WHEREAS, members of the Hartland Environmental Action Team have petitioned for the Town to immediately cease taking currently permitted waste streams and to begin the process of permanently closing the landfill facility; and

WHEREAS, the current account balance for the Town's landfill enterprise account is approximately \$275,000 in reserve, such that there are currently insufficient funds to either close the existing secure landfill cell or to open new landfill cells; and

WHEREAS, all of these circumstances require the development of a final design for the opening of new secure landfill cells within the 5.3 acre area of the existing landfill and a concept plan for the future closure of the secure landfill and also a cost-effective and environmentally compliant plan for funding, final permitting, and closure of the secure landfill.


NOW THEREFORE, the Hartland Board of Selectmen RESOLVES as follows:

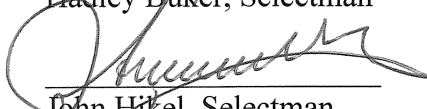
1. That the Town complete the final design, develop and utilize the long-term capacity of the Pleasant Street Secure Landfill; and
2. That the Town Manager, and the Town's advisors as to the landfill, be directed to develop an environmentally compliant and cost-effective plan for use of the Town's landfill capacity to serve the needs of its residents, including businesses and industries, as well as currently and future permitted waste streams, served by the Town's secure landfill facility; and
3. That the Town Manager, and the Town's advisors as to the landfill, develop a formal and conceptual plan for the closure of the landfill, where such a plan would be implemented once the 20-year useful life of the secure landfill is exhausted; and
4. That the Town Manager, and the Town's advisors as to the landfill, prepare a funding plan for the construction of additional secure landfill capacity and for closure of the landfill, including any borrowings; and
5. That the Town Manager, and the Town's advisors as to the landfill, have the additional landfill capacity design plan, future closure concept plan for the 8.8 acres, and the funding plan ready for the review and action by the next regular Town Meeting or a Special Meeting to be called by the Board of Selectmen (once the Town Manager reports that these specific plans are ready for review and approval by the Town).

Dated this 20 day of May 2019 in Hartland, Maine.

HARTLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Judith Alton, Selectman


Hadley Buker, Selectman


John Hikel, Selectman