

July 5, 2016

Ms. Julie M. Churchill, Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection

Dear Julie,

I am submitting comments regarding the Municipal Review Committee / Fiberight proposal for Hampden.

Re: their Draft License for a Solid Waste Facility.

7 Technical Ability

B. "Fiberight: Fiberight will be responsible for daily operations of the processing facility. Fiberight has demonstrated the technical ability to operate a similar, smaller scale MSW processing facility located in Lawrenceville, Virginia."

I disagree with this conclusion. The plant in Virginia has not processed anywhere near the scale of solid waste that Fiberight proposes to process in Hampden. According to data from the Virginia DEQ that Keith Bowden has submitted to the DEP, in 2015, the total tonnage of MSW processed at the Virginia facility was only 90 tons for the entire year. They landfilled 76 of those tons, and only recycled 14! Previous year's figures are not much more impressive. See the submittal from Keith Bowden regarding tonnage of MSW processed at the Lawrenceville, Virginia plant.

The last estimate of MSW tonnage for the proposed Hampden plant that I saw was for 335 tons A DAY. There is a vast disparity between the tons of waste processed in Virginia, and what is being proposed for Hampden. The evidence of MSW processed at the Virginia plant does not demonstrate that Fiberight has the technical ability to process the volume of waste proposed in Hampden.

And the recycling vs landfill rate based on the DEQ figures for the last five years is solid evidence that the Fiberight proposal does not follow the state hierarchy as far as recycling versus landfill rates.

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Wednesday's long Planning Board meeting, Keith Bowden presented documents from the Virginia DEQ, that state's version of the DEP, that Fiberight's pilot plant in Lawrenceville, Virginia had only processed 90 tons of waste in all of 2015!

And they landfilled 76 of those tons, and only recycled 14!

Previous year's are not much more impressive. See first attachment

How they can propose a project on the scale of the Hampden plant (335 tons A DAY) based on the minuscule amount of waste processed in Virginia over the last 5 years takes a lot of chutzpah. And the recycling vs landfill rate runs entirely counter to the pitch they've been presenting on their Maine town

four. See the attachments below.