

**Town of Brunswick, Maine**  
**Solid Waste Task Force**

*Background.* The Town of Brunswick has operated a solid waste landfill at Graham Road since 1984. The landfill is licensed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) and operates under a variety of environmental laws and regulations. The Town currently estimates that the landfill has approximately fifteen years of remaining capacity. However, wastewater and groundwater issues, as well as conversations with the DEP raise concerns about the feasibility and cost of continuing to operate the landfill. Therefore, the Town Council establishes this solid waste task force to investigate and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding the continued operation of the Graham Road Landfill and future solid waste management options.

*Members.* The task force shall be comprised of the following members:

- Three (3) members of the Town Council as chosen by the Council chair
- Two (2) members of the Recycling and Sustainability committee as chosen by the Council chair

*Task Force Charge.* Explore and make recommendations to the Town Council regarding the Town’s solid waste disposal options including:

- Continued operation of the Graham Road Landfill:
  - considering the funding of the expenditures required to meet DEP licensing requirements including wastewater treatment options
  - considering potential relief from the EPA technical standards
- Options for the closure of the Graham Road Landfill with potential funding sources including:
  - State and federal programs to assist with the funding closure
  - accelerating the acceptance of waste in order to maximize tipping fee revenue as a potential revenue
- Future solid waste disposal options including long-term and annual funding requirements;

The task force shall prepare and deliver a report with its recommendations to the Town Council as soon as possible but no later than October 1, 2014.

*Staff.* The task force shall be staffed by the Public Works Director and the Finance Director. The task force is authorized to contract for professional services, including engineering, scientific, legal and any other it deems necessary, to assist with its work. The Public Works Director shall be responsible to provide for the administration of the affairs of the task force, including preparing agendas and minutes, posting public hearings, handling correspondence, and maintaining all official records.

*Funding.* The activities of the task force shall be funded from the Town’s Graham Road Landfill enterprise fund.

Proposed to Town Council: July 7, 2014

Adopted by Town Council: July 7, 2014