

June 15, 2014

To: The Carroll Selectboard and Town Residents
From: Kathleen Saffian, Rt.3, Twin Mountain

I am concerned about the uncertainty surrounding the status of our Transfer Station and Recycling Center. I appreciate this opportunity to share my concerns.

First: a little history. In the late 1990's, a study Committee was formed to look into the feasibility of replacing the Carroll Town Dump with a recycling system for trash removal. In 2002, the Town voted, by a good margin, to accept the Committee's proposal to construct a Transfer Station and recycling Center at a cost of \$900,000. Currently, this Bond balance is about \$402,000. It's an interesting fact that the Town Dump's Taxpayer cost in its last year of operation was \$176,000. Last year the Taxpayer cost for the operation of the Transfer Station was \$76,000

The Transfer Station was designed and constructed for the specific purpose of providing an ecological recycling and revenue producing operation. Because of its excellent construction and the dedicated competence of the Station employees over the years, we have a very efficient and award winning system of trash collection and disposition, which, by the way, has produced significant revenue. This year we expect about \$27,000 in recycling revenue, \$15,800 of which has already been received. As Mike Durfor said when speaking about recycling methods at a recent Selectboard's meeting, "The Carroll Transfer Station is a "topnotch facility" and "the envy of many small NH towns" that he has visited. (Mike Durfor represents the NH National Resource Recovery Association.)

Taxpayers have consistently supported the Transfer Station's requests for needed equipment in order to reach its full operating potential. For example, the recent purchase of three large storage containers means we will no longer have to pay for leasing containers and we can afford to wait to sell the stored recyclables until the market price is right. The purchase of the glass crusher in 2013 is another example. This equipment reduces glass to a more financially valuable recyclable. Voters approved this purchase 185 to 97. Most of the equipment purchased by the Transfer Station has been paid in full from the Recycling Special Reserve Fund. This Fund was established by the Town in 2001 to receive monies earned from recycling, grants or awards to be used only by the Recycling Center for purposes that are specified.

In the future, perhaps some recyclable revenue could help to reduce our construction bond debt subject to voter approval.

I want to ask each of you an important question. What reason do you think would be good enough to justify modifying our existing recycling operation to a system in which another entity is paid to take away our income producing recyclables, leaving us with a costly but useless building, much useless equipment, a large balance from our construction bond, and no certain revenue source except taxes?

This is a reasonable question which, begs for a fact-based and convincing answer should such a modification ever be proposed.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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Bretton Woods Print Shop Restoration Project
Request for Fundraising Assistance
(v. 6/16/14)

The following “bullets” are for discussion, revision, and ultimate incorporation into a formal agreement between CNL Lifestyles and the Carroll Board of Selectmen (BOS) for the subject restoration project.

The Twin Mountain-Bretton Woods Historical Society (TMBW) has become involved with, and would like to serve as the fundraising agent for a campaign to replace the Print Shop building and the operating condition of the Nationally-unique, early 20th Century, water-powered printing press located in the dilapidated building on the grounds of the Omni-Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods.

The TWBW believes this project is fully consistent with its established goals and objectives and the sort of activity the Society should undertake to preserve the history of the Town and local region. However, because TWBW is not itself an IRS-designated charitable organization [501-c(3)], it cannot serve as the receiver of tax-deductible donations and gifts-in-kind for this project with the permission of the Town.

Accordingly, it would like to request that, since the duly-established Town of Carroll is so recognized by its status as a municipality under NH Statute as an entity qualified to receive charitable (tax-deductible) donations, that it establish for TMBW and this specific project a restricted account within the Town’s Trust Funds to which donations solicited by TMBW and others associated with the project can be made and from which expenditures to the project can be made as its begins and proceeds.

Such an account should be named in a way that specifically defines its purpose expressly and solely for this project, and an agreement should be prepared between the TMBW and the BOS (and others; as above) that a) describes the intent and purpose of this account, b) who is to be assigned specific responsibility for components of the project and the agreement, c) restricts total expenditures from the account to just the amount the Fund ultimately receives for the project (nothing more), and d) covers other general or specific concerns that require specification for the protection of the Town.

There will be no financial liability to the Town of Carroll. Its role, via the special account, will be solely that of receiver, facilitator, and transfer agent for the TMBW, with activities limited to accepting donations and making disbursements. All administrative activity related to the account and the project will be performed by the TMBW and/or project staff, and funds will be requested from the account in “bundles” so disbursement activity by the Town is minimized. When the project is complete (one-two years) and all funds in the account have been disbursed, the account should be permanently closed. And, if insufficient funds are ultimately raised to undertake the project, TMBW and the project shall return donated amounts to specific donors so the account can be permanently closed.