



TOWN OF NORTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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August 27, 2012

Mr. Mark Dakers
Acting Bureau Chief
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
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Re: Attleboro Landfill Closure Project
"Phase B"

Dear Mr. Dakers:

In response to the public meeting held in the Town of Norton on August 14, 2012, the Norton Board of Selectmen expresses our deepest concern over the current proposal for the Attleboro Landfill Closure. The proposal as presented calls for the transporting of 650,000 cubic yards of construction and demolition fines, catch basin materials, street sweepings and dredge materials through the streets of Norton. The transporting of this contaminated material will require a minimum of thirty five (35) truck trips to as much as 70 truck trips per day through the streets of Norton for a minimum of 3 years.

We first question the need for such an extreme expansion of this capping project. We understand DEP's desire to have a suitable cap on this landfill. However in your own guidelines for the capping of landfills you require that an impervious layer, such as clay or high density polyethylene, be placed on the upper two feet of the soil cover system. The final layer requires at least six inches of topsoil and seeding. The slopes shall be a minimum of 5%. Following these guidelines would require approximately 30,000 cubic yards of soil or 5% of what is being proposed.

In anticipation of the answer from the DEP, that this major expansion is required due to some crafty book keeping by Attleboro Landfill Incorporated that shows they have no funds for the capping and the perpetual care fund and need to generate revenue, the Town of Norton requests that your office utilize the most conservative accounting method available to determine the revenue needed.

We also question the utilization of the roads of Norton for the transportation of material to the City of Attleboro. We ask that all alternatives be reviewed for transportation of these materials. The suggestion was raised at the public meeting to review the use of rail transport. We support the study of this alternative. If the use of rail transport is not possible all truck traffic should travel in and out of Attleboro. The use of substandard Union Road as a trucking route for this project should be rejected. This is even more important as the adjacent Shpack Super Fund site enters the chemical contamination removal phase. There will be truck traffic both in and out of this narrow residential road during the Shpack cleanup. As has been true since the beginning of the project vehicles enter and leave through

Norton. We have not utilized any of the roads in Attleboro during the Shpack cleanup. Union Road cannot handle truck traffic from both projects at the same time.

Prior to any approval for the work on the Attleboro landfill, we request that DEP seek written response from all parties involved with the Shpack cleanup. We want complete assurance from the engineers, involved in this \$70.5 million dollar Superfund clean-up, that the integrity of the site will not be compromised by any work at the Attleboro landfill.

The Norton Board of Selectmen will be contacting the MEPA Office to request that this project be declared a project of regional significance and request that a Special Review Procedure is established as outlined in the MEPA regulations. A Special Review Procedure will enable the establishment of a Citizens Advisory Committee. This committee will provide the opportunity for neighboring communities impacted by the project to provide input to limit impacts on their communities.

The Norton Board of Selectmen requests that another informational meeting be held to inform residents of Norton and Attleboro about the project. The previous meeting this month, during the height of the summer vacation season, did not afford many residents the opportunity of expressing their opinions. This project has been on hold for several years now and a one month delay to organize a meeting should not jeopardize the project.

We ask that DEP take into consideration our concerns for public safety, air quality, quality of life for our residents and impacts on the environment when considering plans for the capping of the Attleboro Landfill.

Sincerely,



Timothy Giblin, Chairman

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