

**WINDHAM, NH
TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION
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TO: WINDHAM INDEPENDENT & WEBSITE

FROM: DAVID POULSON, T/R STATION MANAGER

RE: PUBLIC OUTREACH

Because of the ongoing debate surrounding scavenging at the Transfer Station, I would like to set the record straight. There were two major reasons for the end of scavenging. First, the personal liability issue for the Town. The Town is liable for any activity that occurs on its properties that may cause harm to a person or damage to their personal property, i.e., vehicle, etc. The Town is obligated by a recommendation by our insurance liability carrier to reduce this potential risk by any protection method against any high risk exposure. Scavenging is a high risk activity (exposure) that may cause personal harm to a resident both on and off site and because the Town is the owner of any material at Station; we are liable for its status.

Second, we have discovered the marketing of Station material, especially metal. We have no way to monitor the off-site use of the material taken from the Station. Recyclable material, especially metal, has a monetary value which produces revenue for Town. When any resident profits from Town owned material, it equates to stealing from the Town. This activity reduces revenue potential that the Town can generate by marketing the material.

Very few Town residents scavenge. We felt and still feel the overall impact to the majority of Windham residents is minimal. It is very difficult to create a program that can cater to residents that would like a reuse program which many call a swap program. They are very difficult to monitor and operate to ensure protection against the above cited issues.