

Special Election to Fill Councilor Ray Burton's Seat

January 21 primary, March 11 election

NH Executive Council press release

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of Councilor Ray Burton, New Hampshire's public servant and champion of the North Country. His dedication to the citizens of New Hampshire was unparalleled, and he will be sorely missed.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Councilor Burton will be held on Saturday, December 14, at Plymouth State University's Hartman Union Building at 1 PM.

While the District 1 Executive Council seat is vacant, the Executive Council office will gladly handle all questions, issues, and concerns. Please feel free to contact us at 271-3632 or GCweb@nh.gov.

"All of New Hampshire continues to mourn the passing of Ray Burton, one of the most dedicated and caring public servants that the North Country and our entire state have ever known," Governor Hassan said. "Though no one

can truly replace Councilor Burton, and the pain of his loss remains fresh, Ray would want the people's work to move forward as quickly as possible. I look forward to a spirited, issue-focused campaign process that truly reflects Ray Burton's legacy of unmatched service to the people of New Hampshire."

There will be a Special Election to fill the vacant Executive Council position for District 1. The primary election will be held on Tuesday, January 21, with three Republican candidates running:

- Christopher Boothby of Meredith, a former Belknap County Commissioner

- Joe Kenney of Wakefield, a former state senator and 2008 Republican gubernatorial nominee

- Mark Aldrich of Lebanon, a former state director for former US Senators Gordon Humphrey and Bob Smith.

On Tuesday, March 11, Town Meeting Day, the winner of the Republican primary will face Grafton County Commissioner Michael Cryans of Hanover.

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It is labor intensive, and our equipment needs to be replaced. So we are currently using the Single Stream Recycling (SSR) approach.

Because the cost of trucking materials is a major part of the cost in handling recyclables, keeping the number of hauls down is critical. Compressed materials require one third the number of hauls as uncompressed materials require, and this is one of the reasons for the new recyclables compactor. The trucking savings alone will pay for the new recyclable compactor in just a few years. Hurray for that!

Another reason for the new compactor is to provide backup in case our current trash compactor breaks down, which would create major problems for the operation.

New Traffic Pattern

There will be a new traffic pattern at the Transfer Station, with two lanes leading past the trash compactor, and two lanes leading past the recyclables compactor and recycling building. Barriers will be set up to guide traffic, and it is expected that a resident with both trash and recyclables to dispose of will make two passes -- one through the trash lane, then loop around the recycling building for a second pass, this time through the recyclable lane. This should keep the flow of traffic smooth and efficient, with as little waiting as possible.

We hope everyone will respect this plan and not carry materials from one side to the other. Use the second pass instead -- it's safer and more efficient.

The new design permits flexibility, so in the future if the market value of recyclables improves, consideration can be given to replacing our two ancient bailers and selecting out some materials from the SSR approach for individual marketing. However, that will be considered in light of the cost of the equipment and labor expense needed, not just the market value of the recyclables.

Developing a flexible design for the Andover Transfer Station has been a real challenge for the Selectmen, but we are very enthusiastic about the new plan. We are very grateful to John Warzocha for his expertise in designing facilities; to our Road Agent, Jon Champagne, and his crew for getting everything done; and to John Elliot of Dumpster Depot for his patience, expertise, and arranging a great deal on the new compactor and containers. In all, a great bunch of people to be working with.

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