

AUGUST 2004

2004.08.12: HUDSON VOTES AGAINST DUMP

At a special town meeting, Hudson voted against the landfill 18-0. This was reported in the Penobscot Times 2004.08.19.

2004.08.23: LOUNDER AT ORONO

This was reported in the BDN 2004.08.24. It was at this meeting that Lounder reported that at a policy committee meeting at PERC in late July, a decision was made to more closely monitor weights of trucks leaving PERC. He also said at this meeting that tipping fees at PERC are lower for out of state shipments than they are for MRC communities.

The meeting was of the Orono Operations Sub-Committee of the Town Council. My notes of the meeting include the fact that on June 8, 2004, the May report, gross truck weights were included in the monthly Pine Tree delivery reports while the July report contained only delivery weights.

My notes do not include the date mentioned for policy meeting at PERC at which they decided to more closely monitor weights of trucks leaving the yard.

2004.08.25: LEONARD OP-ED

Titled "Old Town shouldn't be only landfill site" this op-ed by Ralph Leonard stated that the West Old Town facility was rejected as a site for PERC ash at the same time as Township 30, for perhaps better reasons including the high growth area it was sited in. He stressed that "... other sources of waste need to be screened very carefully to be certain that they are solving regional needs and are not going to use up valuable capacity and therefore compromise the Old Town landfill's ability to service the G-P needs and our regional ash disposal needs for PERC." In addition, issues of fair compensation to Old Town are discussed.