

Local Ballot Questions

Question #2: Recycling Center/Transfer Station Relocation

“Shall the Borough of Naugatuck appropriate \$775,000 for the cost of the New Recycling Center, including, but not limited to, design and construction of a new recycling center, purchase of real property and all improvements in connection therewith, as well as engineering and all related costs and authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of \$775,000 or so much as may be necessary after receiving grants or other funds available therefor to finance such appropriation?”

Background Information

The Borough of Naugatuck is proposing to relocate and reconstruct the Recycling Center/Transfer Station from its current location on Rubber Avenue to a new location that has not as yet been selected. The Borough intends to either purchase a new site or to utilize existing Borough land for the project. The Borough intends to engineer the project upon location of the site and to design and construct the new recycling center. It is estimated that the cost of the project will not exceed \$775,000 after receiving grants or other funds to assist in the project financing.

The Borough believes that there are significant economic development benefits to the relocation of the Recycling Center including the increased aesthetic value to Rubber Avenue and the ability to utilize the property for additional access to the currently vacant and underutilized Risdon Property.

The existing facility on Rubber Avenue has numerous deficiencies that will be resolved with a new facility including:

- Existing asphalt paving and concrete block walls are deteriorated and need reconstruction and replacement.
- The existing facility is too small for all the activities taking place on the site.
- The adjacent location, of the facility, next to the Long Meadow Pond Brook is not appropriate for a Transfer station.
- The traffic flow in the existing facility is confusing to the public and the directional signage is old and needs replacement.
- DEEP requires Bulk Trash (including furniture, painted wood, and other over-sized MSW), Scrap Metal, and Mattress dumpsters to be covered. Covers can be by an overhead roof or covers on each dumpster removed during the working day and replaced at the end of each day. At the current site these containers do not have covers.
- All dumpsters should have barriers sufficient to prevent falling into the containers or between the containers and platform.
- Appliances containing Freon, stored for gas removal, should be stored on an impervious surface.
- Current location doesn't have space for a swap area. This would reduce the amount of useable materials thrown out with bulk trash and has proven to be very popular with residents in towns that have them.

- Replacement of the employee trailer will be necessary in the next year or two. Employees currently use an old trailer as a place of shelter. The trailer has been repaired multiple times and should be replaced with a small building.
- There are no sanitary facilities currently on site.
- Two small sheds are used, one to store auto batteries (required by DEEP to be undercover) and one to store spare parts for automated carts, are rotting and must be replaced.
- Minimal storage is available on current the site. It should have a “garage style” building to store extra trash & recycling cans & carts, lawn mower, etc.
- At current the site employees have to throw paper leaf bags up into a 40 yard dumpster creating potential for injury and unnecessary strain. Ideally bags should be thrown down to dumpsters or enclosed pit. Often residents would like to be able to empty their own leaf bags for re-use or bring leaves in barrels or in tarps. Present set-up does not allow for this.
- At the current site residents have to throw brush up into a 30 yard dumpster creating potential for injury and unnecessary strain. Ideally brush and wood should be thrown down to dumpsters or enclosed pit.

More detailed information can be viewed at the Borough of Naugatuck website: www.naugatuck-ct.gov