

# TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

~ INCORPORATED 1653 ~

### MAINE'S FINEST RESORT

## Kennebunkport Solid Waste Committee Mission Statement and Goals

**Mission**: Kennebunkport recognizes the importance of proactively engaging in the management of solid waste production and recycling efforts. As part of a bigger worldwide issue, it is important for residents and businesses to do their part to reduce, reuse and recycle products. The Town of Kennebunkport Solid Waste Committee shall review changes in state, regional and Federal recycling markets, policies, and law. The committee shall make recommendations to modify Kennebunkport's Solid Waste policies in accord with the goals and culture of Kennebunkport along with needed reaction to outside forces.

#### **Operations**

The Committee, in coordination with the Public Works Department, will study and develop recommendations for the sustainable management of Kennebunkport's solid waste. Their efforts will ensure that these management programs operate with efficiency, recognition of environmental and public health concerns, and meets the needs of the citizens and business community. The committee will review potential ordinance amendments to further our solid waste and recycling goals; and recommend these changes to the Board of Selectmen.

#### **Education**

- The Kennebunkport Solid Waste Committee provides residents, businesses, and town service agencies with information and tools to reduce waste and promote recycling, composting and waste prevention.
- The Kennebunkport Solid Waste Committee shall promote, publicize and educate the residents and the business community in methods to help accomplish our solid waste goals.
- The committee provides outreach and curriculum to schools and teaches student how to protect our environment through topics such as composting, zero waste, and recycling.

#### **Waste Reduction**

The Kennebunkport Solid Waste Committee provides tools and resources to help prevent waste before it begins:

- Food waste prevention tips
- Stop Junk Mail & Unwanted Phonebooks
- Consumer Responsibility
- Producer Responsibility

#### **Eco Products and Services**

The Kennebunkport Solid Waste Committee will maintain a list of environmentally preferable, or "green," products and share the best green purchasing information with those interested in products that will reduce solid waste by being recyclable, renewable and sustainable.