

## **Shelburne Waste District**

The operation of the “Dump” continues smoothly, with Shelburne’s citizens working with the operating crew to reduce waste and enjoy the donuts. Pay-as-you-Throw bags are still available at both the Town office and the transfer station, and the cost is still \$7.50 for a roll of 5 bags.

For a number of years we have collected all florescent bulbs separately, since they contain mercury. Now, we are also collecting all mercury items such as switches, thermometers, compact florescent lights (CFLs) and small “button” batteries. Therefore, please keep these items out of the regular trash and place them in the special containers.

On the revenue side, we shipped cardboard, tires and scrap metal for a total of over \$2415. Currently waste paper is bringing \$75 to \$110 per ton, so that it saves the town a total of about \$180 per ton to recycle over the cost of landfilling. In addition, we received over \$800 for landfill fees, and over \$6950 from the sale of green bags. The income from sale of bags offset over 24 percent of the solid waste budget for the year. In addition we have put over \$3200 into the landfill equipment account against future purchases.

We also removed most of the accumulated demolition debris so that we will be starting over in 2008. The trash truck is still operating, but it will need to be replaced within the next two years and we are reviewing alternatives.

The Household Hazardous Waste collection day is scheduled for June 7. Please look for information at the transfer station in May.

Again, we wish to thank everyone who helped to make the transfer station operation go smoothly, and to reduce the waste. Please join us for coffee and donuts.

The Transfer Station Crew