

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Kevin Foy, Mayor

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Transfer Station Site Search Process

DATE: September 28, 2009

I have attached to this memo the September 10, 2009 letter that the Town received from Valerie Foushee, Chair of the Orange County Board of Commissioners (BOCC). The letter provides the Town Council with an update on the status of the County's search process for locating a solid waste transfer station.

The BOCC has narrowed its action path to four options and is focusing on refining each option, with the goal of finalizing a decision for consideration by the BOCC at its meeting on December 7, 2009. One option that could be considered is the Town of Chapel Hill site, north of the Town's Public Works facility on Millhouse Road. As Chair Foushee notes in her letter, the BOCC seeks confirmation from the Council that the Town is willing to permit further investigation of the Town site.

I suggest that before responding to the Chair's letter, the Council seek more information from our staff regarding the potential impact each proposed option would have on Town operations. To that end, the Council could ask the Town Manager to review the four sites that are currently under consideration and provide the Council with a report detailing the benefit or detriment of each site as it affects Town operations.

When the Council receives this report, it could schedule a public hearing for input before deciding how to respond to the BOCC.