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Town of Chester, NH Recognized for Outstanding Recycling Program of the Year

EPSOM, NH 6/6/17 The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) honored the town of Chester, NH with the “Recycling Program of the Year” award on Monday, May 22, 2017 at NRRA’s Annual Conference and Expo held at The Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH.

Chester has been an NRRA Member for the last 25 years and was nominated by Dan Mitchell of Interstate Refrigerant, one of NRRA’s longstanding Vendors. He wrote “The NRRA should give Lloyd in Chester an award...he is over 81 years old and runs the cleanest site we service!”

It doesn't get any more straightforward than that and NRRA Staff could not agree more that Lloyd and his wife Bonnie run one of the neatest facilities in New England! Chester has a drop-off recycling program for its 4,800 residents where recycling is mandatory and there is a clear bag policy for municipal waste. The adage “neat as a pin” should have a picture of Chester’s Transfer Station next to it with the well-maintained red and white buildings and clear traffic patterns. It has even been rumored that Lloyd actually waxes his skid steer! Innovations abound including using an old garage door as siding for a building, to placing a roof in between two storage containers to gain coverage for the Freon units to the “swap shop” built by the local Boy Scout troop.

Standards are high and expectations to residents are clear but it goes beyond that with Lloyd and Bonnie, the facilities’ long-term operators and stewards. Along with their staff, Rich and Roger, they set high but clear expectations on the how’s and why’s of recycling.

Chester’s Recycling & Solid Waste Committee 2016 report stated that 303 tons of recyclables were marketed in 2016, that the average cost of running the facility was about half of the seven surrounding communities and spoke highly of “the dedicated staff at our meticulously operated facility”.

Mr. Healey and his wife, Bonnie, were unable to attend the conference so the award will be presented to him at an upcoming NRRA meeting in Chester County.

About Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA)
Founded in 1981, NRRA provides a clearinghouse for current, up-to-date information and a source of technical and marketing assistance in the general areas of waste reduction and recycling. NRRA is a member driven organization made up of over 400 municipalities, individuals, and businesses in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Southern Maine. NRRA is a non-profit 501(c) organization. NRRA’s School Club assists schools in implementing, maintaining and improving recycling programs. To learn more visit www.nrra.net.

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