

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS PLEASE READ**

Please be advised that effective July 31, 2020, the dumpster contract with Triple T has been terminated and the dumpster will be removed as of this date.

Effective August 1, 2020, all members will be responsible once again for the handling and disposal of their own garbage. Please find below contact information for your convenience:

**Town of Readsboro Transfer Station - (802) 423-5405**

**Town of Stamford - (802) 694-1361**

**Scott Smith Trucking & Trash Removal – (802)-694-1644**

We would also like to remind members that pursuant to Act 148, Vermont state law bans the disposal of food scraps in the trash or landfills effective July 1, 2020. Information regarding the guidelines and enforcement of Act 148 may be found on the Department of Environmental Conservation website <https://dec.vermont.gov/> or by calling your local waste management district listed below.

**Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (802) 442-0713 (Stamford)**

**Windham SWMD (802) 257-0272 (Readsboro)**

While the removal of the dumpster was not our first choice, we had exhausted all possible alternatives. Some of you had suggested that we have more frequent collection which unfortunately was not an option able to be provided by this vendor or any others we contacted.

In reality, additional pick-ups would not have resolved the larger issue being the abuse of this privilege by those who filled the dumpster with large items. Some of the items that have been discarded include: carpet, mattress, stroller, futon, chairs, wheelbarrow, construction debris, bathroom vanity. None of these items should have ever been placed in the dumpster and it prohibited the rest of us the ability to benefit from its use. Furthermore, there were members who felt it was acceptable to pile garbage on top of the dumpster which only created additional issues.

Members of this Board have worked for you by; replacing broken and damaged locks, replacing missing and broken chain, repairing eye hooks that were vandalized and picked up garbage that was scattered on the ground. This Board had tried to come up with an alternative solution and contacted other vendors in hopes to find a way to make this work.

The placement of the dumpster was voted on and approved by the Board as a convenience and amenity for all Alpenwald members. The continued abuse and misuse of the dumpster has required us to take this unfortunate measure. It is regrettable that this is the outcome as many have communicated their appreciation for this service.

*Alpenwald Village Board Members*