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### Selectman's Corner

Elections are over... Paul Rooney is your new Selectman... Bill Magruder is the new Road Commissioner... Congratulations to all and thank you to Kevin Hall & David Alley for their services and contributions over the last several years.

Looking forward, there is a lot of positive energy as a result of some broad-based citizen participation in key committees... Example, The Land Use Ordinance Committee and Comprehensive Plan Committee hosted a very informative public forum to review the results of their recent survey. The meeting was well attended and the questions from the floor were excellent. There are many common threads of citizen concern that these two committees will address relating to growth, sprawl, and governing issues.

In addition to the growth issues.... The condition of the roads and the operations of the transfer station were HOT buttons! Please be assured that these issues are on your Selectman's radar screen. There is a Waste Management Team in place to focus on the operations of the transfer station. We are confident, you will be seeing some positive results.

The next immediate goal of your Selectman is to set up two new citizen "task forces". One group will be focused on defining priorities for future roadwork, defining right of ways & easements and to determine current road status. The other group we want to put into place is a Budget & Finance Committee. Their mission will be to look at our expenditures, review our system of checks and balances, develop a capital improvement plan, and start in on a 2003 budget. There is a lot of work ahead. If you have an interest in being on the Road Committee or Budget Committee, please let us know...

Feel free to make your thoughts known. We recognize that you can not always attend meetings but we are very interested in your feedback. E-mail us your comments at The Town Office at [northport@agate.net](mailto:northport@agate.net). PLEASE NOTE THE TRANSFER SATEION IS NOW ALSO OPEN ON TUESDAYS ...