

Manager of landfill disciplined

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WAYLAND -- After more than a decade of disputes, accusations and counter-accusations between landfill employees and management, Landfill Superintendent Charles Kiley has been placed on paid administrative leave for an undetermined period -- the first disciplinary action against him in 19 years of supervising the landfill.

Despite the tangled nature of the many longstanding landfill disputes, Town Administrator Fred Turkington said, "This particular incident is a little more troublesome, which is why he was placed on leave."

Though Turkington declined to discuss the nature of the allegations because they are under investigation, resident and former landfill volunteer Bill Currier said Kiley is being investigated for allowing contractors to dump construction waste from his Framingham home at the landfill.

He knows, he says, because he provided some of the evidence.

Currier said he and a landfill employee photographed asphalt shingles, porch railings and aluminum awnings at Kiley's home that contractors working on the home later delivered to the landfill, where they were again photographed.

"Charles Kiley allowed friends and contractors to dump stuff in the landfill. He has done this routinely. This time, it happened to be material from his house in Framingham," Currier said. "He has been a bad actor for a very long time."

Kiley, who was placed on leave at the end of the day Tuesday, claims he is being unfairly targeted.

"(Currier's) version is not the true version," Kiley said. "I wouldn't support him in the last election (for Board of Health) and now he's stirring up any problems he can."

He said the allegations against him are "a set-up" and based on "fabricated stories."

According to Kiley, he paid the two contractors to do work on his home, and allowed one to take the awning to the landfill for recycling. He said he did not authorize the two metal railings that were also deposited there. He disputes that asphalt shingles from his home were taken to the landfill.

According to landfill regulations, commercial users are not allowed to dump asphalt-based materials and building and demolition materials.

Landfill regulations for commercial dumpers also stipulate that, "All trash deposited in the landfill must originate in the town of Wayland."

Kiley argued that because the two contractors are Wayland residents, they should be able to use the landfill under residential regulations instead, which do not carry the same specifications.

Even if the contractors were not Wayland residents, Kiley maintained most trash does not technically originate in Wayland.

"If you bought a TV in Framingham, and came back to Wayland and have Styrofoam in the box, where do you take it?" he asked.

Police Chief Robert Irving confirmed that police are also investigating allegations regarding the landfill, but would not elaborate.

Police seized a digital recorder from the landfill on April 5 in connection with an investigation, according to the police log. Kiley said he has been questioned by police.

A former town engineer from Acton has been brought in to temporarily supervise the landfill while Kiley is on leave, Turkington said.

"We need to determine the accuracy (of the allegations) and the import, if true," he said.

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