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JOHN BRODERICK
Director of Public Works

To: Selectboard, Town Administrator
From: John Broderick
RE: FY27 Curbside Collection Fee

The current annual curbside collection fee, per household, for every other week collection of trash and recycling, and spring and fall yard waste collection, is \$250. With a healthy fund balance expected at the end of FY26, available for any unforeseen circumstances or repairs to enterprise fund vehicles (roll-off truck/930 CAT loader) or infrastructure (recycle center/dumpsters/compactors) and contractual increases to collections and disposals of 6%, I recommend that we set the curbside collection fee for FY27 at the current rate of \$250 per household.

Projecting the annual rate going forward beyond FY27, the enterprise fund for Solid Waste will be impacted by needed capital purchases to replace a 2016 F250 (\$75) and a 2007 International Roll-off truck for hauling dumpsters (\$275k), at some point. The recycle center has dumpsters, and material compactors that will need replacements/upgrades at some point, so those costs will come into play. Services for wood and yard waste grinding will inevitably increase, as well as any future screening of compost. The collection contract has a 6% annual increase provision for collection and disposal costs for FY28, FY29, and FY30. The recycling market has been down, regarding global demand for recyclables, and coupled with the cost associated with single stream sorting, creates a disposal cost per ton, that is, actually, higher than household trash. An increase in the annual rate by \$10 generates approximately \$65,000 in additional funds.

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