



Department of Public Works | 860.584.6125

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 11, 2020

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

Re: DPW Fleet Division – Revisions to Snow Plow Specification

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The Department of Public Works currently specifies a butterfly (candy cane) style plow (indicated in attached picture). The Department proposed to revise its current specification to a standard straight plow (indicated in attached picture). The butterfly plow connection mechanism to the truck has been problematic, the straight plow has a trip edge on the bottom of the blade that reduces road damage and the straight plow style is less prone to damaging mail boxes. The butterfly plow directs snow directly at mailboxes.

The Department currently has 17 plows, 4 butterfly style plows that were purchased in the last 6-7 years. The DPW request the following Board of Public Works action:

**Authorize the Department of Public Works to revise current snow plow specification from butterfly to straight style plow.**

The cost of a straight style snow plow is approximately \$9,000 (\$1,600 less than the butterfly style type plow).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 860-584-6113.

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