



Public Works | 860-584-6125

## Memorandum

Date: September 9, 2020

To: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

From: Raymond A Rogozinski, P.E., Public Works Director

Re: **DPW Disposal of Wood Chips from Processing of Woody Debris & Sale of Compost**

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The Department of Public Works processes woody debris deposited by residents at the transfer station. The woody materials (branches and logs) are ground up in a tub mill. The processing services are bid on a yearly basis and the current vendor is Harvest New England. Once ground the DPW does utilize some of the wood chips for drainage/ landscaping and a small amount is used by Convanta, however it cost approximately \$7,000 to dispose of the wood chips each year.

As indicated in the attached email the Shepard Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. requested and the DPW provided five truckloads of wood chips to facility. In addition, to helping the Riding Center it saved the DPW approximately \$700 in disposal cost. The DPW also provided pavement millings. The Departments milling contractor provided the milling to the City at no cost.

In addition to disposing of wood chips the DPW issued a bid through the Purchasing Department to sell compost generated through the grinding of curb side collected leaves. Based on the sale price the DPW will receive \$10,060. The funds will be deposited into the transfer station's special revenue account.

It should be noted that the DPW sold two types of compost. One generated by grinding and turning the leaves and one produced by just turning. The price received for the ground an unground was \$2.00/CY and \$1.50/CY respectively, therefore the Department is currently evaluating if it will continue to grind leaves.

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

