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MEMORANDUM

To: Town Council
From: Bob Burns, Assistant Town Manager
Date: July 3, 2024
Re: Trash Collection at Multi Family Dwellings

In review of the Curbside Collection contracts dating back to the inception of Municipal curbside collection of trash and recyclables in Windham, it appears that multifamily dwellings of four (4) units or less have been serviced. Over time we have learned that the current contractor has collected at some multi family dwellings of more than four units. More recently during the review of our Solid Waste Ordinance, it was discovered that “commercial solid waste” is defined as follows:

“Acceptable waste generated by a commercial or industrial use or activity located within the Town, and acceptable waste generated by occupants of structures within the Town which contain more than two dwelling units and which are occupied by more than two household units. Except as provided above, commercial solid waste shall not include household or special wastes.”

In addition, in Section 192-9 Curbside Collection From Dwellings, the “Town shall collect acceptable waste and recyclable materials from dwellings in the Town as provided in this chapter. The Town shall not collect commercial or industrial solid waste and recyclable materials.”

We have tasked our Town Attorney with recommending amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance that will correct the discrepancy and continue to allow town trash and recyclable collection at multifamily dwellings with four units or less. We believe this will disrupt fewer customers and continues with our past practices.

We will advise all multifamily dwellings with more than four units in Windham by mail and advertisement that they must contract on their own with a licensed waste hauler (for which we will provide contact information) for trash and or recycling services.