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## MEMORANDUM

To : Town Council  
From : Barry Tibbetts, Town Manager  
Date : May 7, 2020  
Re : Solid Waste Recycling & Collection

The following is a basic cost summary of the solid waste recycling and collection program in Windham.

(Hauling Fees)

Fiscal Year	<u>19/20</u>	<u>20/21</u>
Costs of Bags	\$ 57,308	\$ 72,165
Waste Disposal	\$252,000	\$261,100
\$73/Ton 2,468 Tons		
To be \$75/Ton (Jan)		
Hauling Collection	\$628,416	\$645,000
& Recycling		
No Silver Bullets		
No Hazardous Waste		
	\$937,724	\$978,265
Year to Year Difference		\$ 40,541
Revenues (PAYT)	<u>\$550,000</u>	<u>\$550,000</u>
Net Budget Funded	<u>\$387,724</u>	<u>\$428,265</u>
	\$ .18/mil rate	\$ .20/mil rate

Currently the budget is covering the \$428,265 expenditure which equates to approximately \$ .20 on the mil rate. If the total cost of the services were included in the mil rate, the additional mil rate increase would be \$ .25 or \$550,000.

Example of total mil rate cost versus partial Town contribution with pay as you throw bags:

	Total Cost	Current (Town/PAYT)	
Waste Services	\$978,265	\$428,265	\$ .20
Recycling & Revenues PAYT	<u>0</u>	<u>\$550,000</u>	\$ .25
	\$978,265	\$978,265	
Mil Rate	\$ .45		
\$300,000 Home	\$135/yr.		
\$500,000 Home	\$225/yr.		
Cost of Bags (1 small bag/per week)		\$70	

Cost of Town Contribution

\$300,000 Home	\$135/yr.	\$ 60
\$500,000 Home	\$225/yr.	\$125

Subtotal of Current  
Methodology

\$300,000 Home	\$168/yr.	\$130/yr.	(\$60 + \$70)
\$500,000 Home	\$281/yr.	\$195/yr.	(\$125 + \$70)

With a 100% taxation, tonnage will go up, recycling will go down. The estimated affect would be a 20 to 25% differential increase to the program.

The least expensive approach for residents is to continue with the current subsidy in the Town budget. For a more accurate reflection of the cost for services (eliminating the budgetary contribution), the price of the bags should increase. Best guess-estimate to be 100%, PAYT bags would have to increase 40-45%.

From an overall budget perspective, to fund 100% of the collection process in the mil rate, using the \$978,265 cost with a potential differential increase of 25%, increases our potential cost to \$1,222,831. Granted this is a best "guess-estimate" but there will be a differential increase. The net mil rate to meet that differential increase would be in the range of \$ .31. The total estimated mil rate projected cost to fund 100% for trash and recycling collection would be \$.31 + \$.25 or \$.56.