

MORC Public Works subcommittee meeting 11/10/09

Public works takes care of all municipal & school vehicles in the garage. It would cost the schools a minimum of 90/hour to get vehicles serviced outside w/ a private vendor.

We purchase salt, paving, gasoline and paper on a regional basis through GPCOG.

GPCOG also maintains a regional inventory of tools and equipment which all the members access and really benefit from.

We could contract out the mowing of the little league fields and make little league responsible for that.

Pay per bag- reduces tonnage. Transition would be challenging but it can be done. Camden Rockland has pay per toss.

Scarborough has curbside recycling but recycles only 3% more than we do! We have a 25% recycling rate, Falmouth 40%+.

If we want to achieve Falmouth's rates we have to go curbside.

When you count all our recycling, including asphalt and yard waste we are at 64%.

Pay per bag is fairer and does reduce your tonnage. To do pay per toss we would need more staff and site changes.

We eliminated heavy item pick up and Bob recommends we bring this back. We did not save much money.

Recycling at the schools is not good. Middle school recycling is particularly bad. Biggest weight at the schools is paper, and the schools are not doing a good job. The high school does a better job. HS recycling rate 36%, MS is 26%. We spend \$17,000 to haul the containers from the schools out of the municipal budget, and that does not include the cost of the weight of the trash, only the hauling.

We take care of the entry gardens at cross hill as they are in the public way. The Committee recommends that public tax dollars should not be used for this. Any future subdivisions should be req'd to create a homeowners assoc to pay for landscaping maintenance.