



Finance Committee Recommendations

Special Town Meeting
June 13, 2005

Article 1: NESWC Budget

- User-Funded Increase In Service Level
 - Most users apparently willing to pay the cost
- Feasible For Staffing and Management
 - Some challenges to running efficiently
- Maintains Viability of Transfer Station
 - Avoids a potential decline in utilization

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Why PAYT Might Not Pay

- Increased Staffing Costs \$23,000/year
 - Requires a 7% trash reduction to break even
- Our Present Recycling Rate Is Unknown
 - A 14-25% increase may not be achievable
- Our Current Disposal Rate Is Unknown
 - Fixed sticker prices could be even cheaper
- It May Not Be Worth The “Hassle Factor”
 - For PAYT to achieve a 10% discount requires 28-37% more recycling

Article 3: Fill Material Bylaw

- Prevents Use of “Hazardous” Fill
 - Objective to protect groundwater
- Blocks Materials Allowed By DEP
 - Avoids potential for mishandling
- Bylaw Limited To Former Landfill Site
 - Town has perpetual liability exposure there

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Article 4: Municipal Development

- Non-Binding Resolution
 - But seeks to bind Town Staff and Boards
- Unclear Scope
 - Zoning Bylaw 3.5.1 or All of Master Plan

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Article 5: Sewer Easement

- Expands Sewer District
 - Expected to be at no cost to Town
- Benefits Other Customers
 - Helps absorb overhead
- Environmentally Desirable
 - Replaces existing discharge to Assabet
- Has Enabled A Capacity Increase
 - DEP has increased existing permit

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