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PRESS RELEASE

The Town of Woodbury's ad hoc Waste Advisory Committee is pleased to report on the status of the new Town of Woodbury Transfer Station pay-as-you-throw waste and recycling program nine months after the transition from the voluntary pilot to the mandatory program on July 1st, 2024.

Monthly waste deposited by residents at the Transfer Station has decreased by 45% (41 tons/month) from the pre-pilot levels. Some of that reduction is accounted for by an average of 7.2 tons per month of food-scrap diverted from the waste stream and landfills and converted to electricity and compost products. Data from private haulers servicing the town indicates that only approximately 6 tons per month of waste reduction is accounted for by residents switching from using the Transfer Station to private haulers.

The fees from pay-as-you-throw bags through local merchants have brought in \$ 42,754 (net of manufacturing cost) for the town as of the end of February. These funds are being used to pay for the disposal of the trash contained within the pay-as-you-throw bags. Taken together, the reduction in waste and funds raised meet the projections made when designing the program. Furthermore, the Committee is gratified to note that the line-item covering waste disposal in the draft '25-'26 Town budget is \$ 68,000 lower than the same line-item in the '24-'25 budget.

The ad hoc Waste Advisory Committee thanks the users of the Transfer Station and the residents of Woodbury for their help and support in making the launch and first 9 months of the program such a success.