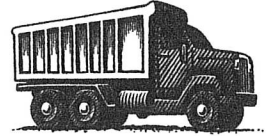




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MEMORANDUM

TO: New London Selectmen  
FROM: Sam Clarke, Public Works Director  
RE: Transfer Station One Ton  
DATE: November 6, 2024

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The current transfer station truck requires \$5,000 in repairs. Given its condition and the scheduled replacement in the spring, these repairs are not cost-effective. I recommend purchasing a new truck now at a cost of \$73,500, using funds from department head salary, recycling fund, gravel, and CDL training. (The CDL candidate will not be ready for training until the next budget cycle.)

Currently, the transfer station is using a highway department truck, which impacts our ability to operate effectively, especially with snow plowing needs. Traditionally, the transfer station has received retired highway trucks when they are replaced. However, the next truck in line is already showing signs of wear and tear, making it a costly and problematic option as a hand-me-down in the spring. Additionally, outfitting a highway truck for road plowing costs approximately \$150,000 upfront and is also costly to maintain, which is not an ideal solution for transfer operations.

The proposed truck for the transfer station, by contrast, is a simpler and more appropriate fit for transfer operations, reducing both initial and long-term maintenance costs. Purchasing a new transfer station truck now would eliminate the need for hand-me-downs from highway, enabling more consistent budgeting and capital planning.

Sincerely,

*Sam Clarke*

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Director of Public Works