

3 Warrant Committee members voted to support Article 22 for the following reasons:

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3. Dover should take steps to reduce solid waste disposal, and PAYT is successful in communities that are similar to Dover.

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- Since 2014, the Dover Recycling Committee (in consultation with the Superintendent of Streets, Town Administrator, Board of Health and the Selectmen) has been studying options to reduce solid waste.
- State-wide data demonstrates that > 40% of Massachusetts towns have already instituted PAYT; solid waste reductions range from 20-50%, and a 90% citizen satisfaction rate is reported.
- Options such as reminding residents to recycle at the time of disposal are unlikely to be effective because trash is already bagged.

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- PAYT will require no additional town services or personnel.
- Unlike other Massachusetts communities, the Dover Transfer Station does not charge for stickers which typically cost between \$100-\$250, or for single bulky item disposal, which can range between \$10 (computer monitor) to \$20 (appliances and upholstered furniture).
- The annual cost per household to purchase approved bags is expected to be between \$39-56 per household.

Dover **should** take steps now to reduce solid waste disposal, and PAYT is successful in communities that are similar to Dover.

- PAYT provides a financial incentive to recycle and cut back on solid waste; it should also increase awareness and motivate those who do not regularly recycle to improve how they manage trash.
- The experience of other similar communities, and the data provided by the Recycling Committee, gives us confidence that Dover can successfully enact this program. Town-wide initiatives to reduce solid waste and encourage recycle/reuse/compost are **critical** to pursue.
- *WC members voting in favor of Article 22 see PAYT as a good option to try due to the positive results experienced by other communities and the relatively minor impact on residents compared to other options.*