



Town of Milford
Highway Department
Scott J. Crisafulli, Highway Surveyor

MEMO

To: Capital Planning/Finance Committee

Attn: Alberto Correia

From: Scott J. Crisafulli, Highway Surveyor

Re: Loader Mounted Snowblower 5 Questions

Date: October 10, 2023

1. The need we are addressing to continue our leave pickup program by the purchase of a leaf vacuum machine to mount on an existing cab and chassis. This machine will be added to our leave pickup program to make the process more efficient and easier for residents to use the service. We are running two machines that are very prone to breakdowns, we also run a very old cumbersome machine as a back-up that is no longer working. Three machines will give us the opportunity to revamp the schedule to benefit all residents every year within the 5-week program.
 2. We propose to address the situation by purchasing a new updated more efficient leaf vac machine and mounting it on an existing cab and chassis the Highway Department owns.
 3. Alternatives we considered are to rebuild the old machine, this is not cost effective. The machine is a 1999 and over its life expectancy.
 4. Our mechanics have gone through the older machine and found a lot of issues with the vacuum segment of the truck. The cab and chassis is still in very good condition and can be reused for another application in the future. There are not any vendors in Massachusetts that sell leaf vac machines so we will be relying on a federal bid system for pricing and purchasing.
 5. We have asked for quotes from various vendors around the country and have not received any at this point, however, I have been told and seen prices from \$80k to \$120k. I don't expect it to be more.
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