




TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2025

TO: The Granby Board of Selectmen
FROM: Mike Walsh, Town Manager 
REGARDING: Solid Waste Fund Appropriation - Approval Request

Please review the attached memo from Director of Public Works Kirk Severance who is requesting a \$43,529 appropriation from the Solid Waste Fund for new trash barrels, barrel parts, and for the printing and mailing of an informational flyer.

I have examined the request and approve of the request, so it now can be considered by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to section 10-6(e) of the Granby Town Charter.

If approved by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance will then hear this request as we seek their approval at their next meeting.

Please be advised that the Solid Waste Fund has sufficient funds to cover this appropriation, with a balance of \$446,470 as of June 30, 2024.

The following motion is needed from the Board of Selectmen:

Motion to approve a \$43,529 appropriation from the Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund to provide funding for new trash barrels, barrel parts, and for the printing and mailing of an informational flyer and forward this request to the Board of Finance for their consideration and approval.

TOWN OF GRANBY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2025

TO: Michael P. Walsh, Town Manager

FROM: Kirk A. Severance, DPW Director 

REGARDING: Solid Waste Fund Appropriation

The following outlines requested appropriations from the Solid Waste Fund.

Trash barrels: The Town of Granby's current trash program was instituted in July 2009. As part of the program, a 65-gallon trash barrel is provided to each one and two-family residence. These trash barrels are owned by the Town of Granby. Since the program began, the Town has purchased 4658 barrels. Currently, our inventory of new barrels is under 10.

New barrels are needed due to numerous factors, such as: damaged barrels, new homes, residents renting second barrels, etc.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$12,525 to purchase barrels. The cost breakdown is as follows:

200 barrels at \$52.50	10,500
Freight	<u>2,025</u>
	12,525

Bear Resistant Trash barrels: Due to the increasing bear population in Granby, residents have issues keeping bears out of their trash barrels. This results in many issues including: litter being strewn along town roads; the Paine's/USA Waste driver having to exit his truck to clean up the trash and straighten the barrel; and bears returning on a regular basis as they become accustomed to a food source.

To date, we have purchased 179 bear barrels. Residents requesting a bear barrel pay a one-time fee to cover the cost above what the Town would pay for a standard trash barrel.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$ 25,964 to purchase 75 bear resistant barrels. The cost breakdown is as follows:

75 barrels at 300 per barrel	22,500
Freight	<u>3,464</u>
	25,964

Bear Barrel parts: The critical feature of the bear barrel is the locking mechanism. Due to wear and tear, these parts can malfunction. Having a supply of the parts at the DPW will allow a timely repair of the barrel.

The cost is as follows:

75 Locks and hasps – 14.00 each	1,040
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Recycling Flyer: Recycling has been an integral part of our trash program for many years resulting in lower costs of waste disposal for the town. A major concern with the recycling program is the level of contamination in the recycling stream.

To help educate the residents and hopefully alleviate the amount of contamination, we would like to prepare a flyer reiterating the recycling guidelines. The flyer will be mailed to all residents. The cost is as follows:

Printing of flyer:	2,500
Mailing charges	<u>1,500</u>
	\$4,000

The total of these appropriation requests equals \$43,529. Please review and comment. If these expenditures meet with your approval, please present this request at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

KS/ljp