

## **Town of Ludlow Recycling Rebate Notification**

The Board of Public Works would like to inform the residents of Ludlow about the status of their recycling efforts in the community. The Board would like to commend the residents on their efforts during the past 4 years since the public hearings held in 2007.

The Town of Ludlow received a Recycling Rebate check for the months of January thru June of the 2010 calendar year in the amount of \$23,559.96. The Recycling Rebate check for the months of July thru December of the 2010 calendar year totaled \$24,139.73. The Recycling Rebate is the result of a contract between the Town of Ludlow and the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF, [www.springfieldmrf.org](http://www.springfieldmrf.org)) for the paper, cardboard, and mixed container recycled material. The Springfield MRF processes all the recyclable material collected in the Town of Ludlow. The Rebate is based on the quantity of recyclable materials generated and the market rate for said materials. The flat rate for the material is \$15.67 per ton and once the market rate tops a certain figure the Town receives a profit share with the recycling company. In short, the more residents recycle, the larger the rebate. Recyclable materials are collected as part of the curbside collection program and at the Town of Ludlow Transfer Station located at 198 Sportsmen's Road.

The Board of Public Works would like to provide an update on the trash and recycling trends in the community since the public hearings in March of 2007. The Department of Public Works compared the trash and recycling quantities from calendar year 2007 thru calendar year 2010. The reduction in trash tonnage saved the Town \$62,350. The Town recycling rebates for the time frame totaled \$169,480.

The Board of Public Works would like to thank the community for their efforts in helping to reduce trash tonnage and increase recycling tonnage. The Town is showing progress and the Board expects to see an upward trend in waste reduction and increased recycling as we go forward along with meeting the Commonwealth's goal for recycling.