Town of North Yarmouth PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Wood Waste Storage & Processing

Purpose:

A wood waste storage and processing building and area in the closed town-owned gravel pit.

Location:

The location is a town-owned gravel pit located off the Walnut Hill Parkway in North Yarmouth.

Building:

The storage area is an approximate 150 x 250 gravel surface area to store cut roadside trees and brush from town-maintained roads, right of ways, and storm damage tree debris.

Material:

A very minimal amount of brush is chipped roadside. Hardwood trees of firewood size and quality go to the local wood bank. Poor quality and softwood butt type logs will be sorted for removal in tree length or chipping. Smaller brush, limbs, etc., will be stored until a large enough quantity for a contractor's assistance in grinding or chipping and removed off-site. A small number of chips may be retained for landscaping or erosion control projects.

The town does not own a wood chipper at this time;

Operations:

The site will be operated and managed by the North Yarmouth Public Works Department. It will not be open to the public on a regular basis. The Select Board or Town Manager may open to the public as part of the Municipal Disaster Debris Management plan, on a short-term basis, to accept downed trees and brush under Public Works supervision.

Fire Control Plan:

All piles of brush and chips will have vehicle access on all four sides. Products will be stored separately. Materials will not be placed on the edges of the storage area. If any, chip storage will be limited and on a small scale equalling less than sixty (60) yards of contiguous storage. The Fire Rescue Department will have year-round access to the site. Grass areas around the site will be mowed. Wood will be processed on an as-needed basis, projected to be twice per year.