



## **STAFF REPORT**

Date: 10-6-16

Case File #: N/A

General Description: Use of Pine Straw Prohibited in Residential Districts

Town Initiated

Citizen Initiated

Applicant(s): N/A

### **STAFF COMMENTARY**

Town staff researched ordinances from neighboring cities and towns to see what restrictions were in place for restricting the use of pine straw for landscaping, it was found that developing an ordinance to restrict the use of pine straw for residential properties is nonexistent.

Fire Chief Kevin Dempsey presented his findings at the September 15, 2016 meeting and stated that this type of regulation would be difficult to enforce.

Ordinances have been found from neighboring cities and towns that have put ordinances into effect that restrict the use of pine straw as a ground cover for commercial structures which would include multi-family buildings. Chief Kevin Dempsey was in support of this type of regulation.

It was also noted that creating this standard would be of use in the Town Code and not a standard that would be approved for use in the zoning code unless a section was added to the landscape ordinance.

**Department of Planning and Inspections**