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Town of Yarmouth

MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
January 24, 2022

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Business Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022. The meeting was a hybrid meeting conducted in person in the Town Hall Room A and through Zoom videoconferencing.

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Committee Members Present:

In Person: Curt Sears, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, Tom Durkin, Joanne Crowley

Via Zoom: Tom Roche, Mary Craig, Lee Rowley, George Perkins

Staff: Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Laurie Ruzsala, Water and Wastewater Superintendent; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Kara Johnston and Dave Young, from CDM Smith

1. OPM RFQ and Designer RFQ Update

Jeff Colby, DPW Director, presented an update on the OPM and Designer RFQs for the wastewater project. Mr. Colby explained that RFQ responses are currently being reviewed for the OPM RFQ, with four firms selected to be interviewed as finalists. The Town's RFQ review committee has met with the interviews and will review the interview results in the coming weeks before an OPM is selected. It was also noted that RFQ responses for the Designer RFQ were due on February 1st. A similar review process will take place for this RFQ. One member asked how many firms responded. Mr. Colby answered nine and informed the committee that he would send out a list of the firms via email as an FYI.

2. Notice of Project Change Discussion

Kara Johnston and Dave Young from CDM Smith presented an update on the Town of Yarmouth's Notice of Project Change (NPC). The committee was presented with an executive summary of the NPC in a readable format. It was noted that the filing of the NPC was a significant milestone for the community's wastewater planning efforts. Bob Whritenour, Town Administrator, noted that this step represents the update of the town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and MEPA certification. Completion of this step will make the town eligible to receive state revolving loans funds for the wastewater project. One member asked how long the review will take between MEPA and the Cape Cod Commission. Dave Young responded that the review period will be about 2.5 months. It was also questioned if the degradation of Run Pond should be noted in the NPC but it was stated that the NPC focuses on nitrogen impairment and Run Pond's quality issues do not result from nitrogen pollution.

Vote: On a motion from John Deliso, seconded by Tom Durkin, the Committee voted to recommend the filing of the Notice of Project Change with DEP, by a vote of 9-0.

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3. Friends of Bass River Update

Curt Sears, WRAC Chairman, read an update email from Rick Bishop, Friends of Bass River (FoBR) Executive Director. The email stated that FoBR's Upper Bass River Headwaters Restoration Project was awarded priority project status by MassDER. This significantly improves the status of the project for funding and technical assistance.

4. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

Vote: On a motion from Tom Roche, seconded by Mary Craig, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021, by a vote of 8-0.

The next WRAC meeting will take place on February 28th at 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm