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**MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
February 22, 2021**

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Remote Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **February 22, 2021**. The meeting was conducted through Zoom videoconferencing.

Committee Members Present: Curt Sears, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, George Perkins, Tom Durkin, and Lee Rowley

Staff: Karen Greene, Director of Community Development; Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Laurie Ruzala, Water and Wastewater Superintendent; Ed Senteio, Finance Director; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Dave Young and Kara Johnston from CDM Smith

1. DHY Status Update

Dave Young, CDM Smith, reported that the DHY working group continues to meet monthly to discuss the DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership. Selectmen for the towns of Dennis and Yarmouth have voted unanimously to endorse joining DHY. The Town of Harwich has decided to place the DHY article on their upcoming Town meeting warrant, but have not taken any votes to recommend it. Jeff Colby, DPW Director, explained that updated DHY costs will be presented to the committee at their next meeting.

2. Debt Service Payment Plan Discussion

Ed Senteio, Finance Director, presented an update on the town's wastewater pre-funding and funding plan. He explained an updated debt service schedule will be presented to the committee once updated DHY costs are calculated by CDM Smith. Mr. Senteio reviewed the measures he would be recommending that the town implement in order to pre-fund the wastewater initiative. It was noted that public outreach to business owners would be required to ensure that user rates will be affordable to businesses in Phase 1 of the wastewater plan. Mr. Rowley asked how much of the town's short term rental revenue will be dedicated to wastewater. Mr. Senteio responded 100%.

3. Bass River Golf Course Recharge Impacts

Jeff Colby reported that he has been meeting with Scott Gilmore, Director of Golf, regarding cost impacts associated with having potential effluent recharge located at the Bass River Golf Course. Dave Young, CDM Smith, reviewed a final memo regarding the proposed effluent recharge and nitrogen loading impacts in the Bass River Watershed.

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4. Town Meeting Articles and Ballot Questions

Jeff Colby reviewed the upcoming Town Meeting article and Town Ballot Questions. It was explained that there would only be one wastewater related article on the Town Meeting Warrant, and it will be to see if the Town would like to join the DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership. Mr. Colby explained that the Town has been discussing ways to educate the public regarding this vote ahead of Town Meeting. Mr. Colby also explained that the two ballot questions will be to authorize the establishment of a Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF) and an offsetting \$100,000 exemption to the CPA tax. The committee agreed to wait until more members were present before taking any votes to endorse these articles/questions.

5. Land Use Controls Update

Dave Young explained that establishing Land Use Controls are required for the Town to qualify for a 0% loan from the State's Revolving Loan Fund. It was explained that flow allowances in certain areas are allowable in order to budget for growth in town. Land Use Controls are intended to restrict development to the amount determined through the Town's build-out analysis. Jeff Colby noted that the Board of Selectmen are currently the Yarmouth Sewer Commissioners who will have the authority to approve additional wastewater flows to properties.

6. Public Outreach/Next Steps

Chairman Sears reported that direct mailings to educate the public regarding the upcoming wastewater-related Town Meeting article and Town Ballot questions are being prepared and will be presented to the committee at a future meeting. Mr. Sears also noted that he was reaching out to community groups to engage them in the hopes of including them in future public outreach efforts.

7. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

Vote: On a motion from Spyro Mitrokostas, seconded by Lee Rowley, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020, by a vote of 6-0.

Vote: On a motion from Lee Rowley, seconded by George Perkins, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020, by a vote of 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18pm