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Town of Yarmouth

MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
April 5, 2021

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Remote Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021. The meeting was conducted through Zoom videoconferencing.

Committee Members Present: Curt Sears, Tom Roche, Tom Baron, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, George Perkins, Tom Durkin, and Lee Rowley (arrived at 4:15pm)

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

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1. DHY Status Update

The committee discussed formulating a recommendation regarding the Town of Yarmouth's participation in the Dennis/Harwich/Yarmouth (DHY) Clean Waters Community Partnership. Committee members expressed a preference to pursue a regional partnership if possible, but noted that time was of the essence with this project. It was pointed out that Yarmouth needs to get moving to progress its wastewater planning initiative in order to better position the Town to receive funding through the Federal Government's impending infrastructure bill.

Note: On a motion from John Deliso, seconded by Curt Sears, the Committee voted to approve the following motion, by a vote of 7-1 (Spyro Mitrokostas voted in opposition).

The Town of Yarmouth Board of Selectmen endorse the construction of a wastewater collection system and treatment plant ASAP, using the following as prioritized options to achieve this goal (ordered by the committee's preference):

- i. Through the DHY Regional Partnership
- ii. By Partnering with the Town of Dennis if Harwich decides to not join DHY
- iii. Through a Yarmouth-Only solution

Furthermore it was noted that a decision on a path forward would need to be made no later than at a 2021 Fall Town Meeting in order for Yarmouth to be able to coordinate with MassDOT on road construction projects (which will result in cost savings for the project). It was also suggested that Yarmouth officials should work hard to confirm Dennis' interest in working with Yarmouth on wastewater ASAP.

2. Debt Service Payment Plan Discussion

Committee members discussed the financing plan that was presented to the committee at their last meeting. Members noted that the financing plan was a general roadmap, and

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would continue to evolve as new information becomes available. However members expressed confidence in the overall financing plan, and voted to recommend it be used as a basis for financing the wastewater project.

Vote: On a motion from Lee Rowley, seconded by George Perkins, the Committee voted to endorse the Updated Wastewater Debt Service Payment Plan presented at their last meeting, by a vote of 8-0.

3. Friends of Bass River Update

Bob Churchill and Erinn McCarty provided an update for the Friends of Bass River (FOBR). It was noted that FOBR recently sent a letter to the Dennis Board of Selectmen urging the Town of Dennis to work with the Town of Yarmouth on a wastewater solution due to the shared interest in protecting Bass River.

4. Public Outreach/Next Steps

It was noted that the town ballot mailers were not ready to be reviewed yet.

5. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

Vote: On a motion from Tom Durkin, seconded by Tom Baron, the Committee voted to approve the minutes (as amended) of March 29, 2021, by a vote of 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16pm