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Town of Yarmouth

**MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
June 28, 2021**

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Remote Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 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, Lee Rowley, and Mary Craig

Staff: Robert Whritenour, Town Administrator; Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Dave Young and Kara Johnston from CDM Smith

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1. Public Comment

Tom Nickinello, resident, expressed support for moving forward with wastewater planning ASAP. He supported the Town pursuing the Yarmouth-only option, and urged the Town to examine a two-pipe system that would allow for the re-use of treated water.

2. DHY Update

Jeff Colby, Yarmouth DPW Director, updated the committee on the recent DHY working group discussions. He stated that Harwich indicated that there is no longer political support in town to pursue the DHY route, meaning Harwich is essentially out of the regional partnership. Without Harwich's involvement, DHY will not be approved.

3. Discussion of Alternative Options

In response to DHY being no longer a viable option going forward, the committee discussed alternative options for Yarmouth's wastewater planning. A potential partnership with Dennis was discussed, which could be called the 'Mid Cape Clean Waters Community Partnership'. It was noted that if the town went this route, Harwich could still join the program later as a customer. One member expressed support for continuing to pursue regional solutions. Other members of the committee expressed a lack of patience waiting for other communities to come on board for a wastewater program partnership, and expressed disappointment with Dennis's lack of progress with wastewater planning. The majority of members stated a preference for Yarmouth to instead pursue a Yarmouth-only solution.

It was also noted that pursuing a Yarmouth-only option would still allow for the potential of partnering with neighboring towns in the future if any wanted to be a customer of a Yarmouth Treatment Facility. It was suggested that the "Yarmouth-Only" solution should be referred to as the "Yarmouth Treatment" solution. The treatment facility would be located in Yarmouth in this scenario but would still allow for the aforementioned

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regionalization in the future.

Vote: On a motion from Tom Durkin, seconded by Spyro Mitrokostas, the Committee voted to recommend that the Town of Yarmouth pursue a Yarmouth-Treatment wastewater solution, by a vote of 8-0-1 (Tom Baron voted in opposition).

4. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

Vote: On a motion from Tom Roche, seconded by Lee Rowley, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021, by a vote of 9-0

5. Future Meeting Dates

The next Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Monday, July 19th. The committee will discuss what the town will need to accomplish to present a Yarmouth-only wastewater plan to the Fall Town Meeting for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm