

On June 3, 2019, on a motion by Rennie Hamman, and seconded by Tom Roche, the committee voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of March 27, 2019.

Town of Yarmouth
Water Resources Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – March 27, 2019
Town Hall Conference Room A – 3:30pm

Members Present: Curt Sears-Chair, John Deliso, Tom Durkin, Tom Roche, Rennie Hamman, and Lee Rowley-Vice Chair.

Others Present: Dave Young - CDM Smith, Rich Bienvenue - Municipal Operations Director, Jeff Colby - DPW Director, Mary Vibon - Executive Director of the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, and Karen Greene - Community Development Director.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sears at 3:30pm.

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Summary:

Dave Young, CDM Smith, presented an update on the Dennis, Harwich, Yarmouth Clean Waters Community Partnership. Mr. Young reviewed the changes in the DHY Agreement and explained that there is a proposed addition of an annual joint Board of Selectmen meeting to review DHY Commission's proposed budget. The Special Legislation which would enable the regional partnership is currently under committee review in the state's House of Representatives. Mr. Young also compared the costs of a Yarmouth wastewater project using DHY shared infrastructure costs vs Yarmouth funding the project alone. Yarmouth would save 25% in annual savings by pursuing the DHY partnership. Mr. Young also reviewed the options for potential Barnstable-Yarmouth recharge routes. He presented four different options for the recharge routes and reviewed the costs associated with them.

The Committee also discussed how best to market wastewater planning efforts to the public. Mary Vibon, Director of the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, suggested the need to tug at the public's heart strings since the general public who don't directly benefit will not care about economic development. Tom Durkin suggested framing the wastewater conversation as a public health issue. He explained that clean water is essential to life, and that protecting our water resources is a prerequisite for a sustainable future.

Approval of Minutes

The January 22nd minutes were approved with a motion by Tom Roche 2nd by Tom Durkin, Vote 5-0-1 (Rennie Hamman abstained).

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on April 22nd at 3:30pm. Room in Town Hall is TBD.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lee Rowley at 5:42pm, 2nd by Tom Roche, Vote 6-0.