

Town of Yarmouth
Water Resources Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – January 6, 2020
Yarmouth Town Hall, Conference Room A – 6:00pm

Members Present: Curt Sears-Chair, Lee Rowley-Vice Chair, John Deliso, Tom Roche, George Perkins, and Spyro Mistrokoskas.

Others Present: Norm Holcomb - Yarmouth Selectmen, Dave Young - CDM Smith, Kara Johnston - CDM Smith, Rich Bienvenue - Assistant Town Administrator, Kyle Pedicini - Economic Development Coordinator, Jeff Colby - DPW Director, and Kathy Williams - Town Planner.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sears at 4:00pm.

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK
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Summary:

Dave Young, CDM Smith, presented an update on the DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership. Mr. Young indicated that the cost estimate peer review would be taking place over the next month and a half and would be completed before the tri-town DHY Selectmen meeting on 2/27. There was also an update provided on the DHY Agreement, and it was stated that the Board of Selectmen in Dennis voted to adopt the agreement. The 1/7 Yarmouth Board of Selectmen meeting was also discussed, and the WRAC discussed how best to frame their DHY presentation to the Selectmen. A draft DHY memo was discussed, and it was noted that it looked good as written but should also include a bullet point regarding DHY's advantages when it comes to grant applications.

Rich Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator, provided an update on the Cost Recovery Plan. He stated that the plan has not been changed since it was last presented to the committee. However it was noted that the 1.5% Water Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF) would likely be reduced to 1% after discussions with the Community Preservation Committee.

Potential Town Meeting Articles were also discussed and it was noted that there five articles under consideration.

- Establishment of a Water Resources Enterprise Fund
- Establishment of a Water Infrastructure Investment Fund property tax surcharge
- \$100,000 residential exemption for the CPA property tax surcharge (to offset the WIIF increase)
- DHY participation
- Request for funding for engineering and design of the wastewater collection system

Dave Young also noted that a subgroup would need to be formed to establish land-use controls for any development that might take place after wastewater infrastructure is installed. This subgroup will likely consist of Kathy Williams, Town Planner, and Karen Greene, Director of Community Development.

The Committee also reviewed previously published water resources brochures/materials. Committee members expressed appreciation for the materials published so far and inquired about a direct mailing program that was previously discussed. Town staff indicated that quotes had been received for this direct mailing program and it is something the committee could pursue in the future closer to the Town Meeting date (likely sometime in March).

Approval of Minutes

The October 7th, 2019 minutes were approved with a motion by Tom Roche and 2nd by Lee Rowley, Vote 6-0-0.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tom Roche at 8:02pm, 2nd by John Deliso, Vote 6-0-0.