

Town of Yarmouth
Water Resources Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – January 8, 2019
Yarmouth Town Hall Conference Room A – 6:00pm

Members Present: Curt Sears-Chair, John Deliso, Tom Roche, Tom Durkin, Renie Hamman, and Charlie Holway.

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:02pm.

Approval of Minutes

The December 18th minutes were approved with amendments by Tom Roche and 2nd by Tom Durkin, Vote 4-0-2 (Holway and Hamman).

Summary:

Rich Bienvenue went over the handout of the suggested agenda for the presentation to the Board of Selectman. Chairman Sears would like to start the presentation with introductions and will then turn the presentation over to Rich and Dave who will then inform the Board about the current planning efforts, design options, schedules, cost recovery, and what the next steps will be. Tom Roche asked if it would be possible to bring an amount for what the startup costs would be but Karen Greene pointed out the updated buildout data has not been finalized yet. John Deliso expressed his concern that the community does not know that this is coming and with the meeting being televised he felt that it would be a good idea to start the educational aspect as soon as possible. Tom Roche proposed the possibility of having the discussion open to the public for any questions but with the time constraint Karen suggested that there be one email address that residents could address their questions or concerns to. Another alternative she mentioned was the Notify Me on the Town's website which would then keep them up to date with a lot of helpful information.

Karen presented a timeline which listed when to meet with which targeted audience. Members of the Committee suggested additional groups/associations as well as utilizing the Cultural Center. Dave handed out the rough draft for the Frequently Asked Questions that he put together and requested that committee members direct their comments and concerns to Rich as soon as possible so he can finalize the informational material.

A presentation was gone over by Dave which highlighted the wastewater flows, phasing plan costs, and details of funding request. John would like to see the DHY costs as well as any numbers associated with partnering with Barnstable for comparison. Dave is hoping to have the

DHY costs in a week. Director Colby suggested that the past and ongoing efforts such as the Bass River Bridge Project be noted.

Rich met with Dave and Lee to look over what the Dennis cost recovery plan was. Rich is planning on using this plan as a model for Yarmouth. He also mentioned the possibility of betterments based on flows, which can be modified each phase. Many members of the committee agree that the betterment should differ between residential properties and commercial properties. Tom Roche would like there to be an option to pay upfront with a possible discount. Rich brought up the fact that there will also be connection costs involved as well which Chairperson Sears pointed out cannot be financed like the betterments. Rich mentioned that the Town could take on the connection costs and Tom Roche pointed out that the Town would be held to procurement laws and would have to pay prevailing wage where a resident may be able to pay for it at less of a rate. Tom also mentioned the possibility of quarterly tax billing. Rich suggested the possibility of residential exemptions instead since the article for quarterly billing was voted against in the past. Tom Roche feels that the Town should be reaching out for state and federal grants. Dave mentioned that SRF loans could be a possibility.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on January 22nd in the Yarmouth Town Hall Conference Room A.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tom Roche at 7:29pm, 2nd by Renie Hamman, Vote 6-0-0.