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**Town of Yarmouth**

**MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
February 28, 2022**

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, **February 28, 2022**. The meeting was a hybrid meeting conducted in person in the Town Hall Room A and through Zoom videoconferencing.

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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**Committee Members Present:**

**In Person:** Curt Sears, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, Joanne Crowley

**Via Zoom:** Tom Roche, Mary Craig, Lee Rowley

**Staff:** Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Laurie Ruzala, Water and Wastewater Superintendent; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Kara Johnston and Dave Young, from CDM Smith

**1. Designer RFQ Update**

Jeff Colby, DPW Director, provided an update on the Designer RFQ process. Mr. Colby reported that the town had received two responses to the RFQ, from CDM Smith and AECOM. The two respondents will be interviewed on 3/3 by the same team who interviewed the OPM candidates.

**2. Notice of Project Change Update**

Kara Johnston, CDM Smith, provided an update on the Notice of Project Change. Ms. Johnston reported that the NPC was submitted to MEPA on February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a public comment period open until March 25<sup>th</sup>. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a public virtual meeting on the project hosted by MEPA. Dave Young from CDM Smith noted that it would be helpful if committee members attended the meeting to express their support for the project. The committee agreed to submit a letter of support for the project.

**Vote:** On a motion from Spyro Mitrokostas, seconded by John Deliso, the Committee voted to write a letter of support for the Yarmouth wastewater project and , by a vote of 6-0.

**3. Town Meeting Article Discussion**

The committee briefly discussed the wastewater related articles on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It was noted that there would be a District Increment Financing (DIF) article on the warrant which, if approved, would formally dedicate new growth resulting from the wastewater project to fund future phases of the project. There is also a wastewater stabilization fund article on the warrant, which would receive funding from short term rental tax revenues. It was noted that the committee would discuss these article in further detail at their next meeting.

**4. Friends of Bass River Update**

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Rick Bishop, Friends of Bass River, reported that the Upper Bass River Restoration Project has been granted priority status by MEPA which puts the project in excellent position to receive funding. Mr. Bishop also reported that FoBR would be adding a 7<sup>th</sup> testing station on Bass River to monitor water quality.

**5. New Business**

Spyro Mitrokostas suggested that the committee engage with civic groups in each watershed to make sure the town is communicating with all the necessary stakeholders. Committee members agreed and decided to place the item on a future agenda.

**6. Review of Past Meeting Minutes**

**Vote:** On a motion from Joanne Crowley, seconded by Lee Rowley, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of January 24, 2021, by a vote of 6-0.

The next WRAC meeting will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34pm