

Town of Yarmouth
Water Resources Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – March 2, 2020
Yarmouth Town Hall Room A – 4:00pm

Members Present: Curt Sears - Chairman, Tom Roche, John Deliso, Tom Durkin, and Lee Rowley.

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

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

Call to Order

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

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DHY Update

Rich Bienvenue, Interim Assistant Town Administrator, provided an update on the Dennis/Harwich/Yarmouth (DHY) Clean Water Community Partnership. He explained that 3rd party review of DHY financials revealed that economies of scale associated with pursuing a regional project with have cost savings for each participating community. In Yarmouth there would be a 33% annual cost savings by pursuing DHY instead of a Yarmouth-only wastewater solution.

Dave Young, CDM Smith, explained that the DHY operating agreement will include provisions for reimbursement to Towns for lost revenues associated with the construction of the project. In Yarmouth this would notably be lost revenue associated with shutting down the Bass River Golf Course for a season to install an effluent recharge site.

Outreach Update

Tom Durkin questioned how the committee was planning on educating residents on the Town's wastewater planning efforts. Mr. Bienvenue explained that the Town is exploring the option of sending educational items to every resident through the mail. The idea is to send out two mailers, one that is generic information regarding wastewater planning and one that is specific to the wastewater articles at Town Meeting. The committee also discussed the possibility of hosting one more public outreach session on April 15th before Town Meeting.

Town Meeting Planning

Rich Bienvenue also provided an overview of the wastewater-related articles on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant, including a \$5million bond authorization for the design and engineering of Phase 1 of the wastewater collection system. Approval of this article would also allow the Town to coordinate with MassDOT on various roadway projects, which will result in construction cost savings.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from November 4th, 2019 were approved with a motion by Tom Roche, 2nd by John Deliso, by a vote 5-0.

The meeting minutes from February 3rd, 2020 were approved with a motion by Tom Roche, 2nd by John Deliso, by a vote 5-0.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lee Rowley at 5:40pm, 2nd by John Deliso, by a vote of 5-0.