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Town of Yarmouth

MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
April 11, 2022

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022. The meeting was a hybrid meeting conducted in person in the Town Hall Hearing Room and through Zoom videoconferencing.

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**Committee Members Present**

**In Person:** Curt Sears, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, Tom Durkin, Joanne Crowley (arrived at 4:10pm)

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

**Staff:** Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Bill Scott, Assistant Town Administrator; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Kara Johnston and Mike Gudice, from CDM Smith

**1. Treatment Facility Designer and Collection System Design Update**

Jeff Colby, DPW Director, provided an update on the treatment facility designer and collection system design. CDM Smith has been selected as the treatment facility designer and is working with the OPM to develop a scope for the project. Chairman Sears asked if the town will own the products created through the treatment facility and collection system design process. Mr. Colby responded yes.

Mike Gudice, CDM Smith, explained that the collection system design was on schedule to meet MassDOT design timelines. Mr. Gudice also reported that CDM Smith was coordinating with Yarmouth's Planning Department on the siting of a pump station at the Drive-In site. It was noted that it was expected for MEPA to issue Yarmouth its Notice of Project Change certificate soon.

One committee member asked how the town and CDM Smith developed its phasing plan. Kara Johnston, CDM Smith, responded that the phasing plan was developed with nitrogen removal in mind. Phase 1 of the town's wastewater plan includes nitrogen removal in all three affected Yarmouth watersheds, which helps to implement environmental remediation efforts ASAP. Ms. Johnston also noted that the phased plan was adaptable and could be amended as needed in the future.

**2. Town Meeting Article Discussion**

Bill Scott, Assistant Town Administrator, presented the wastewater related articles for the upcoming 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Scott explained that there are three wastewater related articles on the warrant:

- Article #18: Wastewater Infrastructure Stabilization Fund
  - Establishes funding source for wastewater capital needs
- Article #19: Amendment of the Tourism Revenue Preservation Fund

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- Appropriates short-term rental revenues for wastewater project.
- Article #21: District Improvement Financing
  - Establishes a DIF program to fund the wastewater project from new growth revenue that results from the project

Committee members expressed support for these articles.

**Vote:** On a motion from Joanne Crowley, seconded by John Deliso, the Committee voted to recommend Article #18 at the Annual Town Meeting, by a vote of 7-0.

**Vote:** On a motion from Spyro Mitrokostas, seconded by Joanne Crowley, the Committee voted to recommend Article #19 at the Annual Town Meeting, by a vote of 7-0.

**Vote:** On a motion from Joanne Crowley, seconded by Tom Roche, the Committee voted to recommend Article #21 at the Annual Town Meeting, by a vote of 7-0.

### **3. Wastewater Webpages Presentation**

Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator, presented the recently created wastewater webpages on certain subtopics. Mr. Pedicini explained that pages detailing the health and environment concerns, economic benefits, project management, and state and federal requirements associated with the project. Committee members expressed support for these webpages.

### **4. Project Grants Update**

Bill Scott, Assistant Town Administrator, presented an update on the town's pursuit of wastewater grants. He explained that the town recently submitted an expression of interest for a MassWorks grant that would be used towards design funding. Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator, explained that the EDA grant the town was pursuing requires more due diligence on the town's end before an application can be submitted. Mr. Pedicini explained that in lieu of an identified development project that will take place because of wastewater infrastructure, the town will need to commission economic studies that clearly identify the economic benefits and attractive new uses that wastewater will stimulate.

### **5. Public Forums with Key Community Groups**

Committee member Spyro Mitrokostas advocated for the committee to conduct targeted public outreach ahead of the upcoming 2022 Fall Town Meeting and 2023 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Mitrokostas suggested holding public meetings in each watershed to answer questions about the wastewater project.

### **6. Review of Past Meeting Minutes**

**Vote:** On a motion from Mary Craig, seconded by Spyro Mitrokostas, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022, by a vote of 7-0.

The next WRAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm