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**MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
June 27, 2022**

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022. The meeting was a hybrid meeting conducted in person in the Town Hall Hearing Room and through Zoom videoconferencing.

Committee Members Present

In Person: Lee Rowley (departed at 5:57pm), Curt Sears, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, Tom Durkin, George Perkins

Via Zoom: Mary Craig

Staff: Dorcas McGurrin, Board of Selectmen; Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Robert Whritenour, Town Administrator; Bill Scott, Assistant Town Administrator; Karen Greene, Director of Community Development; Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Bruce Murphy and Jay Gardiner, Health Department; Kara Johnston and Dave Young, from CDM Smith; Louis Ragozzino, Wright-Pierce

1. Regulatory/Permitting Update with MassDEP

Members from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) presented an update to the committee regarding the state's newly released proposed water quality regulations. Millie Garcia-Seranno, MassDEP SERO Regional Director, introduced members of her team and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the topic. It was stated that the proposed regulations will amend the Title V septic system regulations in nitrogen sensitive areas. As Cape Cod has been designated a nitrogen sensitive area, these new regulations would apply to municipalities across the Cape. Chairman Curt Sears asked if the town would provide consideration for property owners with new or aging septic systems ahead of an upcoming mandated sewer connection. The committee agreed this was a topic that would need to be examine further in the future.

Essentially the new regulations state that towns will need to obtain watershed permits for projects that will reduce the nitrogen total maximum daily load (TMDL) to levels acceptable by the Federal Clean Water Act and an Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan pursuant to Section 208 of the Clean Water Act addressing nitrogen pollution, or else residents in these towns will be mandated to upgrade their Title V septic systems to (more costly) alternative septic systems that are nitrogen reducing. It was explained that the watershed permit would be for a 20-year period, and staff had questions regarding this issue as the Town of Yarmouth's current comprehensive wastewater management plan calls for a longer remediation period. MassDEP stated that these regulations are only proposed at the moment and they would work with towns to take these considerations in mind when finalizing the regs. MassDEP also provided an update on the State Revolving

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Loan Fund process. Staff and committee members thanked the MassDEP for their willingness to meet and stated that they looked forward to future discussions with the agency.

2. OPM Update

Louis Ragozzino, Wright-Pierce and the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for the Yarmouth wastewater project, provided an update on the Yarmouth wastewater project. Mr. Ragozzino stated that he met with the DPW staff and CDM Smith to discuss the design of the Phase 1 collection system from the Barnstable Town line to the Parkers River Bridge. He reported that they are about 75% done with the collection system design, but unfortunately MassDOT's design is only about 25% complete. The project will be incorporated into a MassDOT road resurfacing project to save on project costs. Construction on the collection system is tentatively scheduled for 2024.

Dave Smith, CDM Smith, reported that CDM Smith is coordinating with MassDOT on the design for the collection system. Mr. Smith also reported that CDM Smith has been in discussions with the State Revolving Loans Fund (SRF) representatives regarding Yarmouth's application to the SRF. Mr. Ragozzino also reported that design decisions will need to be made soon regarding the design of the Treatment Facility.

Kara Johnston, CDM Smith, reported that MEPA has requested supplemental information in response to the town's Notice of Project Change submittal. Ms. Johnston noted that CDM Smith is working on compiling this information for submittal to MEPA by 8/15/22.

Chairman Sears asked about how well the previous cost estimates provided for the Yarmouth wastewater project compare to today's costs. Mr. Ragozzino reported that he had recently seen a wastewater project in Barnstable that was 50% higher in cost than previously estimated two years ago.

3. WRAC Neighborhood Meetings

Spyro Mitrokostas introduced his idea to have WRAC members provide wastewater updates to community groups in each of the three Yarmouth watersheds. The committee supported this idea and agreed to discuss the topic further at their next meeting.

4. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

Vote: On a motion from Spyro Mitrokostas, seconded by John Deliso, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022, by a vote of 6-0.

The next WRAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm