

Town of Yarmouth
Water Resources Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – July 6, 2020
Remote Meeting via Zoom – 4:00pm

Members Present: Curt Sears - Chairman, Spyro Mitrokostas, Tom Durkin, John Deliso, George Perkins, and Lee Rowley.

Others Present: Kara Johnston - CDM Smith, Dave Young - CDM Smith, Laurie Ruzala – Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Colby - DPW Director, Kyle Pedicini - Economic Development Coordinator, and Kathy Williams - Town Planner

Call to Order

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

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Staff Updates

Jeff Colby, DPW Director, introduced Laurie Ruzala, the Town's new Water/Wastewater Superintendent. Ms. Ruzala comes to Yarmouth from the Town of Franklin where she was employed as Water and Sewer Superintendent. Mr. Colby also stated that there would be water quality monitoring being performed at various sites in Yarmouth.

DHY Status

Dave Young, CDM Smith, explained that there have been a couple DHY working group meetings since the WRAC last met in March. All three Town removed the DHY and other wastewater articles from the spring Town Meeting due to COVID-19 concerns. Mr. Young reported that the Town of Harwich does have some concerns with the DHY Agreement that will need to be addressed.

Yarmouth Town Meeting Article #11

Jeff Colby explained that now that Article #11 has been approved by Yarmouth Town Meeting, the Town will begin to coordinate with Mass DOT regarding upcoming road work projects. This will allow the Town to save money on construction costs and avoid a 5-year construction moratorium.

Public Outreach/Next Steps

The Committee agreed that the next step in the wastewater planning process would be to re-examine the cost recovery plan and adjust it according to the new COVID-19 conditions.

Public outreach efforts ahead of the fall Town Meeting were discussed. Rick Bishop, Friends of Bass River, mentioned that his organization launched a successful geo-fencing campaign ahead of the spring Town Meeting to educate residents on the impacts of Article #11. Committee members also re-visited the idea of sending educational mailers to residents. The committee agreed that any lingering questions would need to be addressed and answered before any

outreach could start to take place. It was also agreed that the committee will need to work with the Selectmen regarding the articles on the upcoming fall Town Meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Lee Rowley at 5:05pm, 2nd by John Deliso, by a vote of 6-0.