

Town of Yarmouth
Water Resources Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting – December 18, 2018
Yarmouth Town Hall, Conference Room A – 6:00pm

Members Present: Curt Sears-Chair, Lee Rowley-Vice Chair, John Deliso, Tom Roche, Tom Durkin, and Lisa Coedy.

Others Present: Dave Young-CDM Smith, Kara Johnston-CDM Smith, Rich Bienvenue-Municipal Operations Director, Kyle Pedicini-Economic Development Coordinator , Jeff Colby-DPW Director, and Jocelyn Raneo-DPW Principle Office Assistant.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:02pm.

Approval of Minutes

The December 11th minutes were approved with a motion by Tom Roche and 2nd by John Deliso, Vote 6-0-0.

Summary:

The outreach plan discussion started with Rich Bienvenue discussing the timeline that he created with the different audiences that the Committee feels should be presented to. Chairperson Sears suggested that the information sessions be done in two stages since many residents are not year round. Rich will have answers for the questions that were created by the Committee members for a FAQ sheet for the next meeting. Tom Roche would like to see a packet available soon for the residents to have to begin educating the community about the program and its need. Dave Young went over the types of informational handouts that Harwich has been utilizing to see what direction the Committee would like to go for Yarmouth. Lisa Coedy discussed Clean Water Plan vs. Wastewater Plan and which title would get more residents interested in the positives of the program. She also proposed that the FAQ sheet be spelled out a bit more which John Deliso agreed with. Tom Roche noted that using basic language with less acronyms would help better educate the community and keep them interested. Chairperson Sears suggested a possible legend of some sort. Lisa also suggested that as a way to keep the community advised of the timeline information such as when the cost plan will be coming out should be added. Chairperson Sears would like the community to know what projects have already been done to help with the nitrogen issue. John Deliso suggested the possibility of seeking individuals to volunteer to do brief educational videos to be broadcasted locally as well as on the YouTube channel. Lee Rowley would like to see some information added about the hazards to the aquifer such as flushing medications.

The build-out analysis is still in process. Rich Bienvenue needs to continue verifying data with Kara and Karen. The data collected will affect betterments. John Deliso suggested that Yarmouth look into what other towns have done in the past to help with their cost recovery. Rich will get information together for the cost recovery once the data has been finalized and will include one for residential and commercial as well as one for commercial properties only.

The Water Infrastructure Fund is a key element to the funding program. Factors such as how it will affect the CPA need to be considered before possibly being adopted at town meeting. Tom Roche mentioned that Chairman Gary Ellis reported to the committee at the recent meeting, comments from the Chairman of the Board of Selectman at a televised meeting regarding an option for a wastewater funding such as repurposing 3% of the CPA Act for a period of ten years. Chairperson Sears would like to send the Select Board some cost recovery ideas to get their feedback. Lee Rowley brought up the point that the Select Board would need some concrete numbers for the cost of the program.

Tom Durkin brought in a handout from Tufts University. They are offering a Water Infrastructure for Human Settlements course and Tom found it very interesting that it is becoming more necessary to have professionals in this field.

Rich Bienvenue suggested that the Committee go before the Select Board on January 29th to make recommendations and let them know where the Committee is at this point. Tom Durkin is very curious to find out how they feel about the program.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on January 8th in the Yarmouth Town Hall Conference Room A.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tom Roche at 8:02pm, 2nd by John Deliso, Vote 6-0-0.