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Water
Resources
Advisory
Committee

TO: Yarmouth Board of Selectmen
FROM: Water Resources Advisory Committee
SUBJECT: DHY Clean Waters Community Partnership Recommendation
DATE: April 6, 2021

At the April 5th, 2021 Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting, the committee met to discuss the topic of Yarmouth joining the Dennis/Harwich/Yarmouth (DHY) Clean Waters Community Partnership. The WRAC voted to recommend the following:

The Town of Yarmouth Board of Selectmen endorse the construction of a wastewater collection system and treatment plant ASAP, using the following as prioritized options to achieve this goal (ordered by the committee's preference):

1. **Through the DHY Regional Partnership:** This option presents the greatest cost savings and best opportunity to receive interest free loans for the project. It is recommended that a decision on this topic must be made by all three towns no later than at a 2021 Fall Town Meeting. Placing the DHY article on the 2021 Yarmouth Spring Town Meeting Warrant is not recommended, as Dennis and Harwich have indicated they will not be doing the same.
2. **Partnering with Dennis:** If Harwich decides to not participate in the DHY Regional Partnership, then WRAC's next preference would be to partner with the Town of Dennis on wastewater planning. This would present some cost savings vs a Yarmouth-only option, and would also better position the Town for interest free loans. Additionally this option would allow the town to locate a treatment facility outside of Yarmouth. A decision on this option would need to be made this summer in order to educate voters for a 2021 Fall Town Meeting.
3. **Pursue a Yarmouth-Only Solution:** If the DHY Regional Partnership cannot be agreed to by the three towns at the 2021 Fall Town Meetings and/or a Dennis and Yarmouth option does not appear implementable, then Yarmouth should move forward with pursuing a Yarmouth-only wastewater treatment solution. This is the least preferred option of the committee, but time is of the essence for this project. Yarmouth must coordinate with MassDOT on upcoming Route 28 road construction projects in order to realize significant savings for the wastewater program. These construction timelines, combined with escalating/inflation costs for the project, dictates that Yarmouth must decide on a path forward no later than at a 2021 Fall Town Meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and we are happy to answer any questions.