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Town of Yarmouth

**MINUTES OF THE WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF
July 26, 2021**

The Yarmouth Water Resources Advisory Committee held a Remote Business Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021. The meeting was conducted through Zoom videoconferencing.

Committee Members Present: Curt Sears, Tom Roche, Tom Baron, John Deliso, Spyro Mitrokostas, George Perkins, Tom Durkin, Lee Rowley, and Mary Craig

Staff: Robert Whritenour, Town Administrator; Karen Greene, Director of Community Development; Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Jeff Colby, DPW Director; Laurie Ruzala, Water and Wastewater Superintendent; Kyle Pedicini, Economic Development Coordinator; Dave Young and Kara Johnston from CDM Smith

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1. Public Comment

Tom Nickinello, resident, encouraged the town to be forward thinking regarding the effluent produced from treating wastewater.

Rick Bishop, Friends of Bass River, reported that the Friends of Bass River is initiating a watershed testing program which will monitor the water quality at six locations of Bass River. It was also noted that the FoBR are working on a plan to replace the culvert at Weir Road.

2. Next Steps Towards Wastewater Implementation

Dave Young and Kara Johnston, CDM Smith, presented a memo outlining the next steps for the Town's wastewater implementation. Ms. Johnston explained that in order for the Town to file a Notice of Project Change with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office, the town will need to make a decision on a variety of items.

The town must finalize a wastewater program that includes: the limits of the sewer service area, the initial size of the Water Resource Reclamation Facility (WRRF), a determination regarding whether the Yarmouth Septage Treatment Plan will remain in operation versus septage treatment occurring at the new WRRF during the initial phases of operation, and a determination regarding if reclaimed water will remain in use. The cost recovery plan for the project will also need to be updated. Ms. Johnston reviewed the subsequent steps that would need to be taken and outlined required actions by the town through the summer of 2023.

Potential Special Town Meeting articles for fall 2021 include the design and bidding funds for the Yarmouth WRRF and funding for the Yarmouth share of constructions costs for

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Route 28 West pipelines (to be included in the MassDOT road work project). Various steps the town needs to take in the winter of 2021-2022 and beyond were also reviewed by Ms. Johnston.

One member asked if the Yarmouth wastewater program could be expanded in the future if there's interest from certain neighborhoods to be included. Dave Young, CDM Smith, responded that there is potential for future expansion of the program and the overall program will be re-evaluated after each Phase is completed to determine if any revisions are needed.

Robert Whritenour, Town Administrator, noted that the town needed to work through critical technical issues (as outlined in CDM Smith's memo) before a wastewater plan and budget could be presented at a Town Meeting. Town staff will work with CDM Smith to determine the appropriate solutions to the issues presented. Dave Young noted that there are numerous updates needed for the design of the wastewater collection system and treatment facility for a Yarmouth-only wastewater solution, as the last update was done a decade ago and is now outdated.

3. Review of Past Meeting Minutes

Vote: On a motion from Tom Baron, seconded by Tom Roche, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021, by a vote of 9-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

List of Documents:

- *CDM Smith 7/21/21 Memo – Next Steps Towards Wastewater Implementation*
- *Draft WRAC Minutes from June 28, 2021*