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**Town of Yarmouth**  
**Water Resources Advisory Committee**  
Minutes of Meeting – January 22, 2019  
Cape Light Compact Conference Room – 6:00pm

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

**Others Present:** Dave Young-CDM Smith, Kara Johnston-CDM Smith, Rich Bienvenue-Municipal Operations Director, Jeff Colby-DPW Director, Mary Vibon-Executive Director of the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce, Kyle Pedicini-Economic Development Coordinator, and Jocelyn Raneo-DPW Principle Office Assistant.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sears at 6:17pm.

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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**Approval of Minutes**

The January 8<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved with a motion by Tom Durkin 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Deliso, Vote 3-0-1(Rowley).

**Summary:**

The meeting began with discussions about the possible partnership with Barnstable. Vice Chair Rowley was wondering if the possibility was feasible and Director Colby assured him that it was. There will be further discussions at the next meeting in regards to partnering with Barnstable and what potential savings there would be.

Dave Young went over a presentation outlining the draft DHY costs. He discussed the estimated wastewater flow by town, the pumping stations, the conceptual treatment plant site, and the cost savings by town. There would be a shared cost savings of 34%. Yarmouth alone would be looking at a 25% savings with the partnership versus doing the program only in Yarmouth. The committee makeup for the partnership is still in question and will need further discussion and costs still need to be finalized. Vice Chair Rowley is concerned about the flow and suggested all flows go through the Highbank Bridge as it would save money by not having to go through additional pumping stations. Dave pointed out that there are already pipes at the location and not sure if it would be feasible to add the necessary piping that would need to be in place but will look into this. John Deliso inquired about how long the machines and pipes last and if this was considered when creating the budget. Dave explained that the replacement costs have been built into the budget as well as considering which piping system would not only work more efficiently in each location but also be more cost effective. Director Colby pointed out that for this cost exercise the cost has been represented with what has been approved and will be discussed further when the Town is at that point. Because Special Legislation was not acted on, bills need to be refiled and now have to go before public hearing, therefor this will not be ready to go before the May Town Meeting but rather a fall meeting.

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Rich Bienvenue went over the presentation he put together for the Board of Selectman. Tom Durkin suggested adding the fact that 85% of the nitrogen issue is caused by septic systems as well as changing the verbiage to include drinking water quality. Lee Rowley suggested that there be something stating what the community already pays. Rich has also set up a system in which to sign up for the email list by texting YARMOUTHWATER to 22828.

Outreach to the community will take place once the BOS has been updated. Kyle Pedicini went over the committees/groups that should be met with. Vice Chair Rowley suggested that one or two committee members be present with a staff member to go over the program with each committee/group. Chairman Sears stated that since the winter and summer months are when the residents are mostly away that there be a couple of outreach meetings throughout the year. Rich will be meeting with Cape Media Center to kick off the short informational videos. The FAQ sheet is still in the works but will be completed soon.

Tom Durkin discussed the article in the Cape Cod Times about the Conservation Law Foundation intending to sue Wychmere and Wequassett for violations of the Clean Water Act. Tom stressed that action needs to take part in Yarmouth or we could be next.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Yarmouth Town Hall Conference Room A at 6:00pm.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Lee Rowley at 8:53pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Durkin, Vote 4-0-0.