



Board of Selectmen **Workshop Meeting Minutes** **January 12, 2016**

The workshop meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Hearing Room by Chairman Tolley. Selectmen present: Jim Quirk, Tracy Post, and Michael Stone. Also attending: Town Administrator, William Hinchey. The Board of Selectmen gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Wastewater Planning Presentation

Mr. Hinchey introduced the Wastewater Team presentation. Each of the Team members covered their particular area of expertise of the subject: Health Director, Bruce Murphy; Assistant Town Administrator, Peter Johnson-Staub; Town Planner, Kathy Williams; Finance Director, Ed Senteio; Water Superintendent, Dan Mills; DPW Administrative Supervisor, Roby Whitehouse; Town Accountant, Rich Bienvenue; DPW Director, Jeff Colby; and IT Director, Shawn MacInnes. The presentation emphasized that a new plan is needed that is more affordable than the plan rejected by town meeting in 2011. Mr. Murphy addressed the underlying environmental concerns and Mr. Johnson-Staub described the Town's obligations under section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act. Mr. Colby described changes in the proposed phasing that results in all of Route 28 and potential South Shore Drive to be to be connected to the centralized treatment system in the first phase. Ms. Williams described the potential economic development benefits that the wastewater plan provides. Mr. Senteio reviewed the cost of all of the available wastewater treatment methods which demonstrates that a centralized treatment system is the most cost effective approach. Ms. Whitehouse described the need to make the wastewater project affordable for residents. The goal that the Team has set is to pay for wastewater treatment without an increase in the tax burden and with affordable utility fees. Mr. Johnson-Staub discussed the costs and the proposed course of action to minimize costs including pursuing a regional solution with the Town of Dennis. Mr. Bienvenue described the proposed finance plan which includes: debt drop-off (i.e., as existing debt is paid off, new debt is added with the total tax supported debt remaining the same); short-term contributions from Septage Enterprise funds; 25% of construction cost paid from user fees; re-purpose half of the 3% Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge to wastewater; real estate transfer tax of 1%. If any of these funding sources are not approved or are insufficient, betterments would be considered.

The presentation is available in the January 12, 2016 Board of Selectmen Agenda Packet for review or via the following link: <http://ma-yarmouth.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/5165>.

Board members had questions regarding the funding options for implementing the wastewater project, user fees, capital costs, estimated project costs, and the real estate transfer tax proposal.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen authorize expending the remaining funds in the amount of 30,000.00 previously authorized for the Wastewater Concept Plan.

Motion by: Jim Quirk

Seconded by: Erik Tolley

Yea 4 Nay 0

2. FY17 Preliminary Warrant

Motion by: Jim Quirk

Seconded by: Mike Stone Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 1

Mr. Hinchey commented that it has been an honor and privilege to serve with the Board of Selectmen and the community for the past five years.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Jim Quirk

Seconded by: Tracy Post

Yea 4

Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Dennehy

DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL AGENDA PACKET

- Wastewater 208 Revision Executive Summary
- FY17 Preliminary Warrant
- Memo to BOS from Appointments Chairman dated January 6, 2016 re: Board of Appeals Reappointments
- Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2015
- Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015
- Memo to BOS from Town Planner dated January 6, 2016 re: Scenic Road Permit Application - 176 Thacher Shore Road, Yarmouth Port
- Cape Cod Healthcare Blood Drive Flyer