

# MEETING MINUTES

## Community Partnership – Dennis, Harwich, and Yarmouth

Date: June 12, 2017  
Time: 10:30 AM  
Location: Dennis Town Hall  
Attendees: Elizabeth Sullivan, John Terrio – Town of Dennis  
Christopher Clark, Michael MacAskill – Town of Harwich  
Christopher Dwelley, Mark Forest, Daniel Knapik – Town of Yarmouth  
Kara Johnston, David Young – CDM Smith

### Meeting Summary:

- Discussion of creating a singular message from the subcommittee to the public. Community partnership must be a Win/Win.
- DEP Letter will be a good resource in future discussions. Provides cost for the “do nothing” option which no longer exists.
- Route 6 bridge flushing could be a way for the state to provide support for the wastewater programs.
- Discussed importance of accurate costs to be shared amongst the three towns.
- Dennis is reaching out to MA colleges to have them evaluate impact on the economy with and without wastewater infrastructure installed in Dennis.
- Yarmouth received planning grant and intends to include impact of sewers on Route 28.
- Discussion about importance of getting businesses involved for support. However East Harwich residents did not want business growth. This is going to be a different issue in each community.
- Harwich began comparing cost for town option and cost for individual option based on DEP letter. Individual option is three times more costly. Distribute Harwich brochure.
- Barnstable had previously allocated capacity for Yarmouth at their treatment plant. DEP suggested starting fresh with a Barnstable plant expansion. Had discussions in last few years but recharge area capacity is limited in Barnstable.
- Yarmouth is going to evaluate their Water Department organization structure and will consider wastewater as part of that study.
- Discussion about when to involve legal counsel in developing a district agreement.
- Charles River Watershed Association Littleton WWTP concept may be used as an example by others in regional discussions.
- Yarmouth received planning grant for evaluating an anaerobic digester at the septage facility.
- **Next Steps:**
  - **Once Dennis and Harwich receive Community Compact status re-apply for regional efficiency grant.**
  - **Invite MFN Representatives to next meeting in July (21<sup>st</sup>)**
  - **Create a potential schedule for effluent recharge in each town.**
  - **Route 6 Bridge: Determine what is the nitrogen removal from widening/increased flushing and what is the subsequent reduction in sewerage?**