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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WATER FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Committee members will be participating remotely. For public hearings, access via Zoom is provided for the required opportunity for public participation. Information for participating via Zoom is posted at the end of this Agenda.

In attendance via Zoom:

Tim Harris, Medway Resident & Chair
John Foresto, Select Board Member & Vice-Chair
Michael Schrader, Medway Resident & Member
Peter Pelletier, DPW Director
Sean Harrington, DPW Deputy Director
Barry Smith, Water/Sewer Superintendent
Jill Karakeian, DPW Program Administrator and Recording Secretary

Chair Harris called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm roll call and asked all attending members to state their name and position.

Chair Harris mentions the Environmental Partners Amendment #1 that is in need of a vote to move forward. Due to FEMA requirements and the flood plain submission. Additional surveying and plans is needed with an additional cost of \$1,650.00.

Vice-Chair Foresto motions to approve Environmental Partner's Amendment #1, Member Schrader seconds. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remove Zoom meeting.

Chair Harris explains that the Treatment Facility is on the FinCom's Agenda for the meeting of September 8, 2021 @ 7:00 pm and would like to coordinate with who will be at the meeting.

Vice-Chair Foresto will be there and explains that Town Manager Boynton and Town Accountant Carol Pratt will also be there. Town Manager Boynton will be there to explain the project, why we are doing the project, the schedule, the teams we've put on board, a visual of what the building will look like and to let them know when a more detailed presentation will be available prior to the warrant. It's a large priced job and feel FinCom should be kept up to speed.

Member Schrader asked if the Select Board has been updated on the project.

Vice-Chair Foresto explains that he gives the Select Board an update at each of their meetings.

Member Schrader feels that a campaign leading up to the Town Meeting will help with the vote, so people understand the project and why we are doing it. Would also like to suggest if anyone hears of any people or groups that have questions about the project to get out there and address any and all questions.

Vice-Chair Foresto explains that at the Fall Town Meeting, Town Manager Boynton will present a 10-minute information session. We will then talk about it in the Spring. I feel there are a couple different groups that should also be brought up to speed. We are also going to need to have some open meetings for people that would like additional information and any questions that need to be answered.

Superintendent Smith suggests a presentation at the Senior Center.

Vice-Chair Foresto explains that prior to COVID, there use to be Coffee with the Seniors once a month and that is a good way to bring them up to speed on the upcoming project. Another option is to have something at the Thayer House, have different tables to answer specific questions, then do a small presentation.

Chair Harris asked a time frame when we will have more concrete information prior to the Town Meeting in the Spring.

Superintendent Smith explains we will be going out to bid the end of February, prior to that, we should be able to have more concrete information at that point.

Chair Harris feels the items that should be mentioned at the presentations is layout, why we need to do this project, funding available, rate schedule moving forward, PFAS.

Vice-Chair Foresto suggested getting on board with the Master Plan Committee, they are planning on having a Sunday, 11-4 at the High School, there will be a lot people participating, different work stations talking about different things going on in Town. I believe it is the first weekend in October and I will check to see if we could set up a table to get some preliminary information out.

Director Pelletier mentions that he is working with Sandy Johnston, Communications Director to have a DPW social media account, we will be able to get some information on there for the Treatment Facility as well. We will also keep it up to date once construction starts.

Vice-Chair Foresto asked Member Schrader what his experience is working with other towns and their water facilities and what they are doing for energy efficiencies. There has been questions why the new facility will not be a net-zero building.

Member Schrader explains that with his experience and understanding of solar option, is that some of the credits have gone away and you will be barely pay for the panels by the time you get to the end of it.

Superintendent Smith mentions he spoke to BOH with regards to fluoride and that it is becoming an issue for us to get it. As soon as we get a letter from DPH, we will then be able to notify the residents.

We will need a town vote to eliminate fluoride. It's not being shipped out of China. If we can get this on the Fall Town meeting and get a vote to eliminate it, we can take that option out of the plans for the new facility.

Director Pelletier explains that the Town has spoken to a law firm with regards to PFAS and getting reimbursement for the treatment cost. There is no reason to not do it and they will work towards getting as much of the money as it costs to put PFAS treatment in.

Vice-Chair Foresto makes a motion to adjourn at 7:35pm Member Schrader seconds. The motion carries unanimously. A roll call vote was taken due to the nature of the remote Zoom meeting.