

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2023

President Newnam called the workshop to order at 4:30 pm.

**ENR treatment plant upgrade –**

Jason Lytle from GMB presented and reviewed the preliminary eligibility determination from MDE for the ENR treatment plant upgrade that costs \$14,385,000. The preliminary eligibility determination came in at 46.59% which means MDE would provide \$6,702,000 in grant funds and the Town would have to pay the remaining \$7,683,000. GMB is recommending that the Town remove the pumping stations and sludge removal components from the project and that would increase the Town's eligibility to 76.09%. This would reduce the project costs to \$8,880,000 and MDE would provide \$6,756,545 in grant funds and the Town would have to pay the remaining \$2,123,455. GMB recommends that the Town apply to MDE by the end of January for the pump station components and the sludge removal components, two separate applications. The Town still needs to have the pump stations done and the sludge still needs to be removed so funding needs to be secured from somewhere.

Lakeside has been awarded a discharge permit for 100,000 gallons/day and have been issued a construction permit. The treatment plant is currently under construction. The Council would like to go back to MDE and discuss the possibility of decommissioning the Town's existing plant and connecting to Lakeside's plant. This was denied funding by MDE before because BRF funding can only be used to connect to an existing ENR plant or an ENR plant that is under construction which Lakeside was not at that time.

The Council would like GMB to resubmit the redlined preliminary eligibility determination back to MDE for their review and revised determination.

The numbers on the preliminary eligibility determination do not include engineering, admin and construction management costs which would be approximately 24% of the total project costs. GMB will calculate the numbers and send those over to the Town.

**Pumping station project -**

This project has received funding from USDA in the amount of \$1,900,000. The costs for the project have drastically increased and the Town now needs to split the project into 2 phases to be able to financially proceed.

Phase 1 will consist of Rumsey Dr, Rt. 50 and Lakeview pumping stations. The construction costs for this phase is estimated to be \$1,300,000. This phase is almost ready to go out to bid.

Phase 2 will consist of White Marsh, Greenfield and Marvel pumping stations. The Town will need to apply for new funding for this Phase. An application will be submitted to MDE before the end of January.

**American Rescue Funds (ARPA) –**

The Council discussed using these funds to clean out the sludge ponds and GMB will get together numbers to do so. The Town already has a \$500,000 grant that will be used to clean out a portion of the sludge ponds. A workshop will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm to discuss ARPA funds and the Town's possible uses.

With no other business to discuss, the workshop was closed at 5:40 pm.