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NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: September 16, 2024

FROM: Ewa M. Dzwierzynski, President

DEPARTMENT: Town Council

SUBJECT:

A work session to further explore ideas, alternatives, and financing options for the dredging of Narrow River.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

At the August 5, 2024 Work Session with the Town Council and Foth Engineering, Foth's report and three (3) recommendations for the dredging of Narrow River were presented. The presentation and report are included in this agenda item. The previous Work Session was deemed productive; however, the limited time of 90-minutes did not allow for all questions and concerns to be addressed during the Work Session. Several questions were brought up by town council members and members of the public. The town manager stated that questions that arose at the Work Session regarding the dredging project and report could be discussed at a future work session. It is evident that there is significant community interest in this topic and this Work Session will provide an opportunity to continue discussions and provide additional time for members of the community to comment. The cost estimates for the three (3) options were substantial, (estimates included with agenda item), and presented significant financial hurdles for each option. Discussion at this Work Session will include potential financing options. There are multiple stakeholders that may be involved in this project that include, but not limited to; the Town of Narragansett, Town of South Kingstown, DEM, CRMC, the Dunes Club, Narrow River Preservation Association, Mettatuxet Improvement Association, and all taxpayers. Due to the significant cost implications and sensitive environmental impact, it is prudent that the Town takes a nuanced, thoughtful, and methodically well-planned approach to address this important issue.

ATTACHMENTS:

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