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Economic Development Committee

Meeting: July 24, 2019

In Attendance: Robert Jose, Chairman, Lisa Pacheco, James Rezendez and Bruce Wilbur. Also in attendance: David DeManche, Town Administrator.

Presentation by Environmental Partners Group (EPG) on Assonet Sewer Study
Helen Gordon and Andrew Grota are present from Environmental Partners Group (EPG) to present the recently completed feasibility study for a sewer line in Assonet. The study examined a full build-out and partial build out, which would cost an estimated \$12.3M and \$22M, respectively. Construction would be done in three phases, and last about two years. Environmental Partners stated that any additional sewer line, whether it be a product of this study or additional development with the Riverfront Business Park, would require an amendment with the water/sewer agreement with the City of Fall River.

Ms. Gordon outlined a number of grant and loan options, including MassWorks grants and SRF loans. Ms. Gordon stated that applying for a MassWorks grant would be best in 2020 at the earliest, as they are primarily awarded to shovel-ready projects. Dollar thresholds were also discussed in relation to project costs.

Mr. Rezendez stated that there were other possible less costly ways of bringing sewer to Assonet. The Committee then discussed alternate ways to bring Sewer from Town Hall to Stop and Shop. It was suggested that the cost of the project could be one million dollars if certain changes were made to the proposal by EPG.

Respectfully submitted,

David DeManche