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Town Manager

MEMO

DATE: January 10, 2019

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Keith R. Hickey
Town Manager

RE: Agreement of Operation and Maintenance Services Between Veolia Water North America and the Town of Winchendon

As the Board is aware Public Works Director Al Gallant and I have been working towards outsourcing the operations of the Wastewater Department. Over the past several months the Town, working with the engineering firm Wright Pierce advertised an RFP for firms to respond to. The Town received bids from two firms, Veolia Water North America and Suez Water Environmental Services. The two firms were interviewed during the week of November 19th. The town engineering consultants, Al Gallant and I are recommending entering into a three year contract with Veolia, the same company that is managing the Ashburnham/Winchendon water plant. To summarize the responsibilities of Veolia with the signing of this contract, Veolia will be responsible for all activities within the wastewater plant. The Town will continue to address any wastewater infrastructure issue outside of wastewater facility.

Attached to this memo is a letter from Wright Pierce summarizing their recommendation to enter into an agreement with Veolia. Also attached is a revised FY19 budget reflecting the implementation of outsourcing to Veolia. You will notice Veolia's bid will increase the overall wastewater budget by \$36,000. However, Al and I are confident that Veolia will find at least that amount is operational savings once they begin managing the plant.

Don Benz from Veolia will attend the Board meeting to introduce himself and answer any questions the Board has.