

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

Attendance:

Ralph Hickson, Commission Chair
Art Ditto, Commissioner
Tom Clifford, Commissioner

Others Present:

Ken Aspen, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Residents:
Peter Crawford
Selectman Phil Winslow

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Hickson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Discussion with Resident Carrie Yakola re: Rye Schools Water Project

Resident Carrie Yakola spoke with the Commissioners in regards to the Water Awareness Project proposed by the Rye Education Foundation and the elementary school, which is being spearheaded by Denise Wheeler, Rye Elementary School Librarian. The Rye Education Foundation unanimously approved the proposal and included more funding for the students to visit the Seacoast Science Center as part of the project. The project is anticipated to take place in the spring with a focus on the third and fourth grade students. The school would like to have the Commissioners visit the elementary school to give a presentation on water management in the town.

There was discussion on information that would be of interest to the students. There was also discussion on setting a date sometime between March and April. The Commissioners will stay in contact with Mrs. Yakola and look forward to working with the school.

III. Budget Work Session:

a. Warrant Articles

The Commissioners reviewed the warrant articles for the upcoming March vote.

1. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the District's existing Storage Tank Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established for the purpose of maintaining the water storage tanks. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority Vote Required.)

Motion by Art Ditto to recommend the Storage Tank Expendable Trust Fund Article in the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Tom Clifford.

Vote: 3-0

2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the District's existing Expendable Trust Fund established to meet the costs of unanticipated expenses occurring during the fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority Vote Required.)

Motion by Art Ditto to recommend the Expendable Trust Fund Article for unanticipated expenses in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Tom Clifford.

Vote: 3-0

3. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the District's existing Equipment and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose of purchase, repair, modification, or replacement of equipment and buildings that support operations of the water distribution system. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority Vote Required.)

Motion by Art Ditto to recommend the Equipment and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund Article in the amount of \$15,000. Seconded by Tom Clifford.

Vote: 3-0

4. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,596,748) for general District operations and to defray Water District charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in any other article addressed. (Majority Vote Required.)

Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

Motion by Art Ditto recommend the 2018 Operating Budget in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$1,596,748). Seconded by Tom Clifford.

Vote: 3-0

By Petition:

5. Shall the official ballot system for the election of Rye Water District officers, and for voting on the question of whether to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), be adopted by the Rye Water District?

Motion by Art Ditto to not recommend the petitioned warrant article for the Rye Water District to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13. Seconded by Tom Clifford.

Vote: 3-0

VI. Other Business

Brian Goetz, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Portsmouth, met with the Commissioners to discuss anticipated projects for the City of Portsmouth water system in 2018. (Note: Rye properties in the Wentworth Road area receive Portsmouth water supplied through the Rye Water District.)

- **The Commissioners will be presenting the proposed 2018 Rye Water District Budget to the Budget Committee on Tuesday, February 6th, 4:00 p.m., Rye Town Hall.**
- **Next Water District monthly meeting to be held on February 7th, 9:00 a.m., Water District Office.**

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Art Ditto to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger