

RYE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
August 1, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Rye Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Arik Jones
Darren Prince
Selectman Phil Winslow

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, Data Chart and Bacteria Tests for the month of July.

The commissioners reviewed and discussed the pumping totals submitted by Arik Jones for the month of July. They also spoke with Arik Jones and Darren Prince regarding the superintendent information that they would like to have available for the monthly meetings.

III. Review minutes:

- **July 11, 2018**

Motion by Tom Clifford to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

IV. Correspondence:

- A letter was received (July 23, 2018) from the Town of Rye Selectmen in regards to the possibility of the water district taking over the monitoring of Wells 102 and 6 at the Rye Landfill.

V. Treasurer's Report for the months of May and June.

- **Not Available**

VI. Cash Flows Reports:

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of July. No areas of concern were noted.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the cash flow report for the month of July. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Planning Board and Zoning Minutes:

- The Housing Partnership project at 0 Airfield Drive was approved by the Planning Board in July with final Notices of Decisions being approved at their next meeting.
- No other issues that would affect the Rye Water District were found in the minutes for the Planning Board or the Board of Adjustment.

VIII. New Business:

1. PFAS Results Update

Chair Ditto noted that he updated the PFAS results for the June sampling. The only real change was in the Garland Well. The PFOS in May was non-detect and in June it was 5. Bailey and Cedar Run Wells were non-detect. PFOS were still non-detect for the system sampling (tanks at Breakfast Hill) and the PFOAs were 5 parts per trillion, (up from 4).

2. Letter rec'd from the Selectmen re: Monitoring at Grove Road Landfill

Chair Ditto noted that the commissioners should work on a response to this letter in a work session. There are several concerns about doing the sampling. The Water District would have to contract someone to do the work. There is a sampling procedure involved with sampling a monitoring well and there is time involved to execute that. The other issue is that they do not know the flow of the water table or how the well is designed. There are also a lot of questions about the characterization of the landfill.

The commissioners agreed to discuss the letter and response at a future work session.

3. Portsmouth Water Rates

A letter was received from the City of Portsmouth regarding their increase in household water use rates. The rate increase will not affect the bulk water rate.

4. Town Newsletter

The draft article for the newsletter is due August 20th.

5. Updates

Arik Jones noted that the South Road project is moving along. Wright Pierce has a clerk of the works so the project, which will be covered by Falzone. He also has a call into Rick Skarinka, DES, to discuss the district's sampling schedule.

II. Old Business:

1. Seacoast Drinking Water Commission Update

The next meeting of the commission will be held on the first Tuesday in September. The commission will be reviewing the draft report at that time. Chair Ditto will be reporting back to the Selectmen sometime in September. The work of the commission needs to be completed by November 1st.

2. Grass Mowing Agreement

- Alan Bucklin – quote received for mowing - \$450.00 (all sites)
Certificate of insurance has been received.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the mowing contract from Alan Bucklin. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

3. Website Follow Up

Information was received from Wright Pierce regarding the setup of the water district's website. More work will be done on the website at a future work session.

4. Verizon Service Changes

The commissioners were presented with a proposal for new business phone service with Verizon. Currently, the district's cell phone service is with Verizon and the office phones are with First Light. By moving all phones to Verizon, the overall billing will decrease monthly for the combined services.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to switch the business phone service to Verizon. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

III. Other Business

• New Well Investigation

Selectman Winslow asked for an update on the new well search.

Chair Ditto noted that Wright Pierce has identified some properties that they would like to look at. The water district will need to get access to the properties for the geophysical work. Based on that work, they will make a recommendation on what areas would be best for further exploration. He noted that

the commissioners should meet with Sally King, Conservation Commission Chair, and Michael Magnant, Town Administrator, to go over the process.

Commissioner Clifford noted that a letter was received in the commissioner's email from Wright Pierce that should be drafted on Rye Water District letterhead and sent to the property owners. There was also a list of properties. Most of them were town properties but some were private.

The goal is to have information on two or three sites that could be potential locations by the end of the year.

- **CIP**

Chair Ditto noted that the CIP updates have been submitted to the committee.

Status Update:

- Harbor Road complete
- Well investigation in process
- The pump house for 2018 was moved out to 2019
- Potential truck purchase for 2019
- Newcastle water line (Wentworth Road) is pending the construction of the Newcastle bridge (fixed or lift)
- Another vehicle purchase for 2021
- Central treatment plant was put in for 2023

IV. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

At 10:20 a.m., Ralph Hickson made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Tom Clifford.

Roll Call: Hickson – Yes, Clifford – Yes, Ditto – Yes

At 10:50 a.m., the commission came out of non-public session.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger