

RYE WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

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

Others Present:

Ken Aspen, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Selectman Phil Winslow

I. Call to Order

Chairman Hickson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

Superintendent Aspen noted that the generator has been ordered and is in progress. The pumping chart shows it to be right in the middle between the high and low year. Factors that could be stabilizing the pumping could be the weather, recent rate increase and posted notices about lawn irrigation. It was also noted that there are more customers on the system from 2016.

Art Ditto made a motion to accept the pumping charts for the month of July. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Chair Hickson asked if the Eversource project on Breakfast Hill Road (at the tank site) is going to effect the Water District.

Superintendent Aspen explained that Eversource is replacing two transformers and are removing the supporting concrete slab to make it bigger. He does not believe this work will affect the Water District. He noted that Sprint will be finishing work that was started in 2014 on updates to the equipment on the Breakfast Hill tank. He is waiting for a tentative schedule from Sprint as it may conflict with the work being done by Eversource.

III. Review minutes from the June monthly meeting.

Corrections were noted. (Corrected minutes were reposted on town website)

Art Ditto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 5, 2017 as amended. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

IV. Correspondence:

- Notice was received from R.G. Kinville which was put on file.
- A letter was received from Attorney Bill Scott regarding the legal posting for the funds his firm is holding that belongs to Richard Bruno for the connection on Harbor Road.

V. Treasurer's Report for the month of July.

- **No report available**

VI. Cash Flows:

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow sheets for the month of July with focus on the year to date revenues. No concerns were noted.

Motion by Art Ditto to accept the Cash Flow report for the month of July. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Planning Board and Zoning Board:

Planning Board:

- On July 18th, the Planning Board unanimously voted to deny the application of Harbor Street Limited Partnership for the proposed development at 421 South Road. The Board voted to review and approve the Notice of Decision at their August meeting.
- The development proposed for Airfield Drive by the Housing Partnership has been postponed until the September Planning Board meeting.

Zoning Board:

- No items of concern were noted.

VIII. Old Business:

- The new Ford F150 is expected to be delivered the first part of September.

- It was noted that Art Ditto will be the Town's representative on the new State Commission on drinking water.
- There was discussion on how the Water District would be notified about new auxiliary apartments being added to properties.
Ken Aspen will speak with Planning Administrator Kimberly Reed in regards to a process for applications.
- The State has recommended that monthly samples be taken from the Garland Well because of an increase in recent testing results. Ken Aspen will be coordinating with the State for delivery of the samples. In addition to the monthly sampling, samples will be taken from the distribution system for blended water. The testing will focus on Perfluorooctanoic acid, (PFOA's), in the system.
- **Brian Goetz, Portsmouth Public Works Deputy Director**, gave an update to the Commissioners about the subdivision in Rye. He also gave an update on the Wentworth Bridge Project. The project is on hold as NH DOT is still considering options for the bridge. He gave a quick update on project that Portsmouth is working on.
There was some discussion on the recent testing results at the wells.

IX. New Business:

- Ken Aspen noted that he sent an application in for the NH DES Leak Detection Survey for 2018. Many applications have been received and the Water District may not receive a grant for 2018. The district has an approved grant for 2017 and work will begin in the fall. The district has had a grant every year for the past five years. DES is looking to spread the grants out to other communities.
- Ken Aspen noted that there is some scrap metal and old fire hydrants at the well site that will be disposed of.

Adjournment

Motion by Art Ditto to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger