

RYE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
September 5, 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
Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Update from Chris Berg, Wright Pierce

Chris Berg, Wright Pierce, met with the commissioners to give an update on RWD projects. The district did not receive any funding from the Drinking Water Groundwater Trust Fund. He will send the commissioners a list of the projects in the State that were funded. He discussed other ways the district could get funding for the upgrade to the Garland Road pump house project.

In regards to the source investigation, Chairman Ditto noted that they met with the chair of the Conservation Commission, Sally King. She is going to speak with the other members of the commission to talk to them about getting approval for testing on some of the sites. Their monthly commission meeting is on September 13th. In the meantime, the water district will send out the letters to the private property owners.

Mr. Berg noted that he is working on the GIS update to include in the Breakfast Hill improvements. He is also working on the information for the Harbor Road and South Road developments. The clerk of the works services is about complete for the South Road development. He noted that the other project related to the Drink Water Trust Fund (SRF) was the central water treatment plant, which was also not funded; however, it was pretty high up on the priority list. He suggested that in the short term that they get some samples from both Bailey and Cedar Run to get more information on the water quality, in terms of the iron and manganese levels.

Arik Jones noted that he has already pulled a couple of samples and the results are not saying that there is anything in the pipe. It is definitely sourced from the well. Samples were pulled from the Cedar Run hydrant, pre and post filter at the well site. The monthly samples were taken yesterday and sent to Seacoast Analytical. He stated that he spoke with Seacoast Analytical about the testing for iron bacteria and they are going to get him some information on the cost to do that style testing.

There was some discussion about investigating the integrity of the well to see if the structure has been compromised in some way that might be contributing to the rise in the iron levels. It was noted that there has been some earth quakes and lightning strikes during the past couple of years that could have had an effect.

Mr. Berg will follow up with DES in regards to the conservation plan review.

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

The commissioners reviewed the pumping data for the month of August. They also reviewed the PFAS data for the month of July.

Arik Jones gave a review of the monthly report for work completed in the field. A quote of \$2,000 was received for trimming at the well sites. The trimming can begin within the next couple of weeks. It was agreed to also have trimming done on the old dump road.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the Superintendent's monthly report. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

IV. Review minutes:

- **August 1, 2018**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the minutes of August 1, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

- **Non-Public meeting – August 1, 2018**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the non-public minutes from August 1, 2018. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

V. Correspondence:

- Notice was received from Brian Goetz, Portsmouth Public Works/Water Department, regarding the request to customers to limit water usage.
- A septic report was received from the Marjorie Way Homeowner's Association. The reports are required by a condition of approval for the development. Reports are to be filed annually with the Rye Building Department. Marjorie Way is within the Wellhead Protection Radius for Garland Well.
- Kinville letter was received.

VI. Treasurer's Report for the months of May, June and July

The commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for the months of May, June and July.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the May, June and July Treasurer Reports. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Cash Flow Reports:

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of August. The reports also included the billing for the end of June. No areas of concern were noted.

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

VIII. Old Business:

1. Acting Superintendent Update

Superintendent report was addressed at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Seacoast Drinking Water Commission update

There was no meeting held in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10th. The commission will be completing their work by November 1st.

3. Response to Selectmen – Monitoring at Grove Road Landfill

Chairman Ditto reviewed the letter that will be going to the Selectmen in regards to their request for monitoring of the Grove Road Landfill. The Water District is going to decline but will continue to monitor the Garland Well PFAS data and evaluate the need or necessity for upgrading monitoring. The commissioners have agreed that they will meet with the Selectmen, if they wish, to further discuss the issue.

IX. Planning and Zoning Minutes

Commissioner Hickson noted that the Airfield Drive development for The Housing Partnership has been approved. There was also a meeting with Joseph Falzone and some of the business owners along Route 1 to discuss the possibility of bringing Portsmouth sewer down that corridor; however, that is something that will not be done for a few years.

There were no immediate issues before the Zoning or Planning Boards that would affect the Water District.

X. New Business:

• Water District Website

Arik Jones contacted the company that did the town's website and a proposal was sent to the district for review.

Commissioner Clifford noted that he reviewed the information and it seems to be more than what the district would need. The costs are more than what he would expect also.

It was agreed that the district will continue to seek other proposals.

II. Other Business

- **New Well Investigation**

Addressed under Wright Pierce update

The commission reviewed the list for the letters for the private property owners.

- Darren Prince noted that he spoke with a resident on Brackett Road who has a small child living in her home and blood work showed a high level of lead. She contacted the water district for some general information because someone suggested that she start with testing her water. The resident ran her own water test and the results came back fine. The EPA maximum is .015 and the water test came back at .005. The house was built in the 1800's and has had a lot of remodeling. The contractors have found lead paint in a numerous amount of places around the house. The resident was not overly concerned that it was the water but felt it was the best place to start.

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

At 10:23 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 11:30 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 11:35 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger