

RYE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
November 7, 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
Selectman Phil Winslow

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

It was noted that Arik Jones sent information on daily pumping totals to the commissioners by email, which they have reviewed.

There was discussion about whether there are any requirements that need to be taken when a well is shut down and stays idle for a time before it is put back online; such as, special sampling. The Commissioners agreed to ask Arik Jones at the next meeting.

III. Review minutes:

- **October 3, 2018**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the minutes of October 3, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

IV. Correspondence:

- PFAS data for September was received. October's results have not yet been received. September's results will be updated on the town's website.
- Letter was received from Kinville.

V. Treasurer's Report for the months of August

The Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of August.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VI. Cash Flow Reports for October

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of October. Updated budget numbers for 2019 were also submitted to the Commissioners.

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

VII. Planning and Zoning Minutes

- The BOA granted variances at their October meeting for a proposed four building condominium development at 1215 Ocean Blvd.
- The Planning Board granted a lot line adjustment for Joe Tucker for lots on Garland and West Road.
- The proposed subdivision by Tuck Realty for property located on Ocean Blvd has been postponed to the December Planning Board meeting.

There were no issues or concerns for the water district in the meeting minutes or the upcoming agendas for the Planning or Zoning Boards.

VIII. Old Business:

• Seacoast Drinking Water Commission Update

Chair Ditto noted that the Seacoast Drinking Water Commission's final report was due November 1st but is not yet complete. The commission will be meeting on November 29th to review the final report. He also noted that there are a few people who feel the commission should continue their work after this commission disbands. The idea is to work with the Rockingham and Strafford County Commissions to address future water needs. At this time, it is unsure if the commission will continue.

• Source Investigation

The Commissioners agreed that Wright Pierce should be invited to a future meeting to give an update on the project. Chair Ditto sent an email to Sally King of the Conservation Commission regarding the easement on the Brindamour property. Mrs. King was going to look for the easement but has not yet responded to the water district. Information on the easement area is needed to continue with the Brindamour property, 175 Washington Road. Other properties being investigated include 701 South Road, conservation land at the former Rand property off Wallis Road, and conservation land at the Cedar Run development.

- **RWD Website**

Rural Water Impact has been hired to develop a new website for the Water District. The website should be completed within the next couple of weeks and staff will be trained on managing the site. The site will be ready for the public by 2019. The Water District will be posting information on the website such as, water quality testing results, minutes and agendas of meetings, flushing notices, and emergency alerts. Customers will also be able to view and pay their bills online.

IX. New Business:

- **None**

I. Other Business

- The Water District is scheduled to present the district's 2019 proposed budget to the Budget Committee on February 4th, 4:00 p.m.

Chair Ditto reported on researched information regarding the landfill.

- 6/21/90 – The Water District Commissioner's sent a letter to the Rye Board of Selectmen stating; "***It is the opinion of the Water District that responsibility for the closing of this dump rests with the Town of Rye and not the Water District.***"
- A reply to the Water District was never received from the town. After that time, the town started planning for the closure.
- 11/14/96 – Ed Herlihy (Selectman at the time) sent a memo to the Board of Selectmen stating; "***I spoke with Craig Musselman of CMA today on whether they had any testing results of the preliminary well work.***" Herlihy makes a statement to Craig Musselman; "***However, there is water flowing into the pond (pond that was backfilled) that has a clay base. It appears that water is flowing into the pond and the pond trash from offsite. This means the trash in the pond is subject to water flow and possible contamination. This might spread above the ground water base and contaminate the groundwater downstream towards the Rye wells in the future. CMA believes that some type of barrier will have to be installed to stop this off premises water seepage as the cap will not stop water flowing to the pond area.***"
- 12/24/96 – A letter to the town from the Water District stated; "***The State of New Hampshire by most recent letter dated November 18, 1996 to the City of Keene, procured by our State Representative leave us (RWD) to believe the climate for reconsideration of old state mandates may be favorable to town. We recommend that these matters be addressed at a joint meeting with our respected engineers, hydrologists and other informed parties, so that the Board of Selectmen can best prepare to ask the State to consideration for re-decision.***"

- 3/16/99 – The State sent a letter stating; ***"The department accepts the recommendation proposed by the town and CMA which includes maintaining an existing vegetative cover. However, if at a later date the groundwater site becomes further impacted by the landfill or the department determines that conditions exist at the site to cause threat to human health or the environment, the town will be required to reevaluate the closure of the landfill."***
- 10/02/18 – Letter received from the State in response to CMA's letter to the State about changing some of the sampling requirements. The letter stated; ***"It has been concluded by CMA in the subject submittal the results of these four rounds of sampling have established that the landfill is a source of PFAS contamination to the groundwater, with impacts to groundwater mostly evident in the area of the site monitoring wells, monitoring well 6 and 101, both of which are located in the approximate area where the landfill waste is believed to extend below the water table."***

Chair Ditto noted that the Water District will continue to take samples and monitor the water quality data. However, it is somewhat frustrating that it was implied that the Rye Water District vetoed the capping of the landfill, which the district did not. The district does not have the authority to veto the capping of the landfill.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger