

RYE WATER DISTRICT MEETING
April 4, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.
Rye 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
Phil Winslow, Selectman

I. Call to Order

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

II. Election of Officers

Chair:

Motion by Tom Clifford to nominate Art Ditto as chair. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Vice-Chair:

Motion by Art Ditto to nominate Tom Clifford as vice-chair. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

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

The Commissioners reviewed the Superintendent's reports and pumping charts for the month of March. The iron testing results for April have not yet been received. Superintendent Aspen noted that a fire hydrant was hit and damaged by a delivery truck on Star Fish Circle. A report has been filed with the Rye Police who are taking care of the situation. The Breakfast Hill building has been completed and water is in operation. Bethany Church will now be billed by the City of Portsmouth and will receive a final bill from the Rye Water District. An account for the City of Portsmouth will need to be established.

Motion by Art Ditto to accept the superintendent's report for the month of March. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

IV. Review minutes:

- **March 7, 2018**

Motion by Art Ditto to approve the minutes of March 7, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

V. Correspondence:

- A draft copy of the Hydrogeological Assessment report was received for the commissioners to review. The commissioners will take it under advisement and address it at their work session.
- A letter was received from Richard Skarinka, P.E., NH DES, regarding the tri-annual sanitary survey for the Rye Water District. The survey has concluded that the system is well maintained and is operated by very competent, professional staff. Water quality meets current primary water quality standards, and the District is in compliance with lead and copper standards at customers' taps. DES commends the managers for undertaking projects to address future operations and capital improvements through an asset management program. DES also commends the managers for being proactive in sampling for emerging contaminants in drinking water sources and encourages the continued support. A copy of the letter will be sent to Town Administrator Michael Magnant to be presented to the Selectmen.

VI. Severino Harbor Road Bid

The contract was received for the Harbor Road water main replacement from Severino Construction. No issues or concerns with the contract were noted. The project is scheduled to begin in the next two weeks. Communications with the homeowners in that area will begin within one week with a preconstruction meeting being scheduled.

Motion by Art Ditto to accept the contract from Severino Construction with an effective date of March 22, 2018. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Treasurer's Report for the month of January.

The commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's report for the month of January. No areas of concern were noted.

Motion by Art Ditto to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of January. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VIII. Cash Flows Reports:

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of March, which included the new budget that was approved at the annual meeting on the 31st.

Motion by Tom Clifford to accept the cash flow report for the month of March. Seconded by Art Ditto. All in favor.

IX. Planning Board and Zoning Minutes:

Planning Board:

The March meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

The subdivision at Goss Farm is scheduled to go before the Planning Board at their April meeting.

The Airfield Drive subdivision is also scheduled for the April meeting.

Zoning Board:

There were no issues of concern for the water district at the March Zoning Board meeting.

X. Old Business:

- **Harbor Road**

Superintendent Aspen noted that they are ready to begin work on the project. The work is anticipated to begin within the next two weeks.

- **Seacoast Drinking Water Commission Update**

Commissioner Ditto noted that a meeting was held on March 12th in Concord. The members of the commission broke out into groups and discussed different water issues faced on the Seacoast; such as seasonal and drought water supply issues, centralized planning among communities, infrastructure needs and resources.

Centralized Planning – Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) would be the centralized group that could pull all the towns together, if that was going to be done. The centralized planning group discussed land use ordinances to protect water resources, regional water planning for the future and funding sources. They also discussed how to enhance the programs that are in place to protect water and how to facilitate education for groundwater.

Threats to groundwater due to environmental issues - discussed naturally occurring challenges, the drinking water quality and the emerging contaminants.

Mutual aid agreements for replacing contaminated water – There is an RSA that covers mutual aid. A handout listed about 11 possible interconnections. There is only 2 possible interconnections; Rye with Portsmouth and Aquarion with Seabrook. There was discussion on replacing contaminated water and people sampling private wells.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 9th.

- **Garland Road Generator**

Superintendent Aspen noted that the generator has still not been delivered to the supplier. Delivery has been severely delayed due to the hurricanes last fall.

- **School Water Project – 3rd Grade**

The commissioners met with the teachers at the elementary school and discussed the presentation, which is scheduled for the week of April 16th. They will continue to work on preparing the presentation.

XI. New Business:

There was discussion on the annual meeting results and how the water district can increase communications to the community.

No other business was brought before the Commission.

Adjournment

Motion by Art Ditto to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger