

**RYE WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020**

On July 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., at Parsons Field, Moderator Joshua Scott convened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Scott introduced the Water District Commissions; Chairman Arthur Ditto, Thomas Clifford and Ralph Hickson. He also introduced Water District Counsel Bill Scott, Superintendent Arik Jones and Business Manager Dyana Ledger.

Moderator Scott stated the ground rules for the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak should come to the microphone, state their name and address. All questions and comments should be directed to the moderator. Any amendment to any warrant article must be presented to him in writing.

Moderator Scott read Article 1.

Article #01 To choose a Commissioner for the ensuing three (3) years.

Moderator Scott stated he would accept a nomination.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to nominate Arthur Ditto as commissioner. Seconded by Thomas Clifford.

Hearing no comments, Moderator Scott called for a vote.

Motion passed.

Moderator Scott read Article 2.

Article #02 To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing two (2) years.

Motion by Thomas Clifford to nominate Amy Thibodeau as treasurer. Seconded by Ralph Hickson.

Hearing no comments, Moderator Scott called for a vote.

Motion passed.

Moderator Scott read Article 3.

**Article #03 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800,000.00 (gross budget) for the rehab of the Garland Road Pump Station and all costs incidental thereto and connected therewith: and to authorize the issuance of not more than Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) of bonds and notes in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Rye Water District Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Rye Water District Commissioners to expend the proceeds so raised to that stated purpose.
A 2/3 ballot vote is required.**

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: 3-0
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: 6-0**

Motion by Arthur Ditto to move Article #03 to the floor. Seconded by Ralph Hickson.

Jaci Grote, 124 Washington Road, asked the Commissioners to explain the details of the proposal.

Commissioner Ditto explained the upgrades proposed for the Garland Road pump house, which was originally built in the 1970's. The project includes upgrades to the storage area and windows with substantial upgrades being made to the electrical components. The intent of the project is to bring the pump house up to code in order to provide a safer and more efficient building.

Hearing no further questions or comments from the public, **Moderator Scott opened the ballot box for Warrant Article #03 at 10:14 a.m.**

Moderator Scott read article #04.

Article #04 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$315,000.00 (gross budget) for the Wallis Road Water Main Replacement, 1,165ft from the intersection of Wallis Road and Ocean Boulevard to the intersection of Wallis Road and Odiorne Drive, and all costs incidental thereto and connected therewith: and to authorize the issuance of not more than Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000.00) of bonds and notes in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the Rye Water District Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the Rye Water District Commissioners to expend the proceeds so raised to that stated purpose. A 2/3 ballot vote is required.

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: 3-0
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: 6-0**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to move Article #04 to the floor. Seconded by Thomas Clifford.

Commissioner Ditto explained the project involves the water main that runs from the intersection of Wallis Road and Ocean Boulevard across the marsh area to Odiorne Point Drive. The marsh is a harsh environment for a water pipe and substantial corrosion has occurred from the salt water over the years. The proposal is to replace the existing main with HDPE pipe, which is a plastic corrosion resistant pipe. The work will be done by directional drilling to prevent digging through the marsh. This is considered structural maintenance to improve the reliability of the Water District's system.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, noted that the State has asked the Town to put a crosswalk at the corner of Wallis Road and Ocean Boulevard, due to a proposal for a development of 1215 Ocean Boulevard. He also noted that the developer intends to install a sidewalk in front of the property at 1215 Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Borne commented that a sidewalk should really be located on the Petey's side where cars park for people to go to the beach. He stated that the Water District's project might be a time for the departments in town to come together to figure out what should be done at that intersection. If the Rye Water District has the road torn up, that may be the time for the sidewalk to be put in so taking up that area only has to be done once.

Commissioner Ditto replied that the Water District is coordinating with the Town on the paving and the drainage work that needs to be done in that location. As far as the intersection, the District would be open to doing that. He pointed out that the project will probably not start until next spring, as the pump house is a more critical project. Everyone would be in favor of digging up the road once, from a traffic flow

standpoint. The District would entertain any discussion on timing of this project associated with other town projects.

Superintendent Arik Jones explained he has spoke with NH DOT about this project. It is almost impossible to receive any permits for excavation on any of their roads. The Water District's intent is to do directional drilling so there will be limited excavation on either side of the road with drilling going underneath the road. The intent is to not tear up the road during the project.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Scott opened the ballot box for Warrant Article #04 at 10:20 a.m.**

Moderator Scott read Article #05.

Article #05 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the District's existing Storage Tank Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established for the purpose of maintaining the water storage tanks. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority Vote Required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: 3-0
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: 6-0**

Motion by Thomas Clifford to move Article #05 to the floor. Seconded by Arthur Ditto.

Commissioner Ditto explained the fund was established three or four years ago to build up funds for maintenance of the tanks when necessary. The District has three tanks with two on Washington Road and one on Route 1 at Breakfast Hill. The maintenance has to be done on a ten-year cycle; however, it is really driven by the inspections that take place on an annual basis. The fund currently has a balance of \$91,000.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Moderator Scott called for a vote on Article #05.
Article #05 passed.

Moderator Scott read Article #06.

Article #06 To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Ninety-One Dollars (\$1,498,091) for general District operations and to defray Water District charges for the ensuing year. This article does not include appropriations contained in any other article addressed. (Majority Vote Required.)

**THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: 3-0
THIS ARTICLE IS RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: 6-0**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to move Article #06 to the floor. Seconded by Thomas Clifford.

Commissioner Ditto gave a summary of projects anticipated for the next year, along with a brief update of the past year's projects.

Robert Whitter, 113 Washington Road, spoke in regards to the extension of the water line near 701 South Road to the North Hampton line, which was approved by town vote in 1984. He noted that residents in this area have been paying taxes to the Water District for years and do not receive water services. He also spoke in regards to the fire safety issues for homes that do not receive town water. He asked the Commissioners to consider moving forward with completing the water extension that was authorized years ago.

Commissioner Ditto confirmed that the Commissioners will consider the project and discuss it at future District meetings.

Steven Borne suggested that the Commissioners look at other areas where water may be needed.

Hearing no further comments, Moderator Scott called for a vote on Article #06.

Article #06 passed.

At 11:14 a.m., Moderator Scott closed the ballot box for Warrant Article #03 and called for a count of the ballots.

Article #03 passed by a 12 – 0 vote.

At 11:20 a.m., Moderator Scott closed the ballot box for Warrant Article #04 and called for a count of the ballots.

Article #04 passed by a 12 – 0 vote.

Article #07 To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

No further business came before the meeting.

At 11:23 a.m., Ralph Hickson made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Seconded by Thomas Clifford.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna DeCotis
Water District Clerk
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