

## **RYE WATER DISTRICT**

June 1, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.

### **Commissioners Present:**

**Arthur Ditto, Chair**

**Ralph Hickson**

**Scott Marion**

### **Others Present:**

**Arik Jones, Superintendent**

**Dyana Ledger, Business Manager**

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

- May 4, 2022

**Motion by Scott Marion to approve the May 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.**

- May 18, 2022

**Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the May 18, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

### **III. Chris Berg, Wright Pierce**

*Not present at meeting.*

### **IV. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, and Data Report, and Bacteria Tests for May**

Superintendent Arik Jones presented the monthly data reports and the superintendent's report for May.

- The water usage has climbed over the five-year period of time. The usage has increased about 1.5 million gallons on a monthly basis from this time last year. The monthly usage for May is almost at 16 million gallons; whereas, April usage was similar to the last three years. The high usage is most likely due to the

transition of real estate in the town and the change in population with new development.

- The system leak survey will be starting within the next two weeks. This is being done through NH DES and is being covered by a grant that has been awarded to the District.
- The posts for fencing have been installed at the Garland pump house site. The fence work should be completed within the week. The project is just about completed with a few minor things to be done.
- There have been communications with Carl McMorran, Aquarion Water, in regards to Aquarion's water main located on Route 1, near the location of the new development at the old Hector's site. Aquarion has made the decision to abandon the main located in Rye. The plan is to dig up the main, end cap it and install a hydrant at the North Hampton end for flushing purposes. Aquarion will be providing an email stating that they are abandoning the pipe. Superintendent Jones reached out to DOT because the pipe is within their right-of-way. DOT has no issues with Rye taking ownership of the pipe.

There was some discussion about what the procedure might be to give the District the right to assume ownership of the pipe. It was agreed that Superintendent Jones should reach out to Attorney Quinn to handle the process of taking over the pipe, if there is a possibility. The District would benefit by taking over the pipe because it would eliminate the need for directional drilling across Route 1, which is owned by DOT. It will also allow for a closer proximity to Aquarion for an interconnect agreement in the future. The new development at the Hector's site will have an easier connection for water and will have better flow capacities. Currently, the District's water main in that location runs along the east side, which is the same side as Aquarion's pipe. The District's main stops at the Benchmark property, crosses over to the location of the Allegiant property and runs down to Dow Lane. Aquarion's main runs north and stops near the entrance to Benchmark. It was noted that the new development at the Hector's site is scheduled to start the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. The expansion at Benchmark has been postponed to later this year and may not happen until 2023.

Superintendent Jones continued his report:

- The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been completed and sent to households. A copy of the report will be available on the Rye Water District website.
- The Pease Development Authority (PDA) made a decision to cease and desist on an unapproved temporary water line that was installed which was feeding the boat yard and a couple of the cabins at Rye Harbor. It was later discovered that this temporary water line was also serving the lobster pound. An alternate connection plan for the entities has been laid out for water service, which will be done under the guidance and approval of PDA. Until the decision to connect is made, the temporary water line has been cut and ended by PDA.

**Motion by Scott Marion to approve the Superintendent's report. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.**

## **V. Cash Flow Reports for May**

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of May. There were no concerns or issues noted.

**Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the cash flow reports for May. Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

## **VI. Treasurer's Reports for February & March**

The Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's report of the months of February and March.

**Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the Treasurer's report for February. Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

**Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the Treasurer's report for March. Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

## **VII. Correspondence**

### **• Abutter Notice – 850 Washington Road**

An abutter notice was received for the proposed development at 850 Washington Road. It is not clear what is proposed for the property. The District will continue to keep an eye on the project as it moves through the Planning Board.

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **a. Abandonment of Aquarion Main**

*Addressed earlier in the meeting. See minutes above.*

### **b. Interim Water Policy**

Chair Ditto noted that on the City of Portsmouth's website there's a water division application for an irrigation meter, which lays out the criteria and requirements. The criteria laid out by Portsmouth is pretty detailed. He suggested that they may be able to use it as a model for the District's.

There was discussion about requiring building permits for installation/replacement of irrigation systems, which would first need to be added to the ordinances. The jurisdiction and management of the building permit for the installation would be the responsibility of the District. Chair Ditto will work on a zoning ordinance proposal to be brought to the Rules and Regulations Committee, which handles the amendments to the ordinance. He will also forward a copy of Portsmouth's policy to the Commissioners for review.

**IX. New Business**

**a. CIP Review**

There was discussion about the request from the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Committee for information from RWD regarding the proposed projects for the District over the next five years. The Commission discussed how to submit the information to the CIP Committee. Chair Ditto agreed to work on a list of projects and projected costs. He will work on updating the documents sent from the CIP Committee.

**b. PFAS Results**

Chair Ditto noted that he has completed the PFAS results table. In looking at the results from April, it's about the same; however, Garland seems to be a bit elevated. Bailey and Cedar Run are basically the same. The system results decreased from the previous sampling. Samples are being pulled quarterly. Results for the landfill sampling for April have still not been received from the Town.

**X. Town Planning and Zoning Minutes**

**a. Planning Board 6/14 Hearing – 850 Washington Road**

*Addressed earlier in the meeting. See minutes above.*

**XI. Other Business**

*None*

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Scott Marion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger