



Rye Water District  
April 2, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.  
Commission Monthly Business Meeting

1. Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Scott Marion - Chair, Tom Mack (via Teams), Danna Truslow

RWD Staff present: Brian Goetz – Administrator, Arik Jones – Superintendent, Dyana Ledger – Business Manager

2. Election of Commission Officers

Danna Truslow motioned for Scott Marion to be Chair, seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Scott Marion motioned for Tom Mack to be Vice Chair, seconded by Danna Truslow. All in favor.

3. Meeting Minute Approvals

Approval of annual meeting minutes tabled until April 15, 2026 commission meeting.

4. Review Annual Meeting

Administrator Goetz noted that all the materials from the meeting, including the presentation, have been posted on the District's website. Brief discussion on the overall meeting.

5. Business Manager's Update

Business Manager Ledger noted that there were no significant financial updates other than the success in the vote at the annual meeting for

passage of the budget and all the warrant articles. Continue to work on billing system upgrades and that is taking up a lot of time and effort for that transition. A billing insert will also be included to provide customers an update on the rates, new billing system, new irrigation schedule and the ongoing drought.

## 6. Superintendent's Update

### a. System pumpage and water quality

Cool weather is keeping water demands down for now. Finalizing Annual Water Quality Report, due by July 1, 2026.

### b. Flushing

Flushing is set to occur starting in April. Will be posting online on a weekly basis. Monthly schedule is more difficult to post because things change as we move along. We didn't flush in the fall of 2025 due to the drought, so this round may stir up the areas we flush a bit more than normal.

### c. Other Projects

- 125 meters have been replaced to date. Will continue this effort throughout the year.
- Continue to work the Wright-Pierce on service line inventory and then reviewing the data with NHDES. We have received the vac trailer that will be used in the field to investigate the service line materials.
- PFAS data seems to be consistent throughout the years. Only variation appears to be with various labs and their techniques. Commissioner Mack suggested that we try to analyze that data over time based on pumpage, weather and other factors.

## 7. Administrator's Update

### a. Precipitation and Groundwater Levels

Continued dry weather. Snow did melt slowly but continue to be in a drought. Groundwater levels are lower than normal but not as low as they have historically been. Superintendent Jones has seen a low of 17 feet above the pump at Garland, but we aren't at that point right now. Really hoping for some April showers to help recharge the wells.

b. Treatment Facility Prelim Design

i. April 9<sup>th</sup> site visits to biological treatment facilities

Administrator Goetz and Superintendent Jones will be visiting two new biological iron/manganese treatment systems in Dracut and Littleton, MA.

ii. Operations Center design

Administrator Goetz presented the current Operations Center design that will be adjacent to the existing garages. Intent is to get this designed and out to bid by the end of summer. Two additional garage bays will be included to house equipment and vehicles.

c. Garland Well

i. Backup Redundant Well

Proceeding with the permitting and drilling of the backup Garland well.

ii. PFAS Sampling of monitoring wells (Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>)

We will be sampling the new Garland monitoring wells and the existing Garland well for PFAS, together with CMA's monitoring of the Grove Road landfill.

d. Cedar Run Well

Administrator Goetz said that they are still reaching out to consultants and the well driller regarding how the upper zone of this well can be sealed to improve the water quality.

e. West Road Well Permitting

Continue to work with Wright-Pierce on the work plan for the permit. We are awaiting a draft report to review with the commissioners to get their feedback before we proceed with the next step in the permitting.

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f. Capital Reserve Funds

Administrator Goetz brought forward the need to utilize the reserve funds for the following projects. We are going to work on getting final costs to bring forward for future votes to approve funding for the following:

- i. Replacement Vehicle
  - ii. Washington Road Tank site remediation and fencing
- g. Tank Inspections – Haley Ward consultant

District will be working with Haley Ward to review past inspections and perform site visits to our three storage tanks so that we can get an overview and recommendations of next steps to take regarding painting and long-term maintenance. There is an engineer that currently inspects about 30 tanks a year and will be able to help us decide best plan forward.

h. Aquarion Interconnection Agreement draft

Administrator Goetz sent the draft interconnection agreement to attorney Roman to review and copied chair Marion for their comments. These comments have been incorporated in the draft that has been returned to Aquarion for their review. Superintendent Jones went over the potential interconnection points, most notably, the one on Lafayette Road at the North Hampton town line, where the two systems are very close to each other.

i. Portsmouth wholesale water rates

Portsmouth is currently working on a comprehensive rate study. Their current recommendation is to raise the wholesale rates charged to the district by 53%. No final decision has been made on the rate. Portsmouth is on a July to June budget year, so, if this increase goes into effect this would not align with the districts calendar year budget. We would likely request that a new wholesale rate be put into effect after January 1, 2027 to allow the district time to increase the rates to customers receiving water from the Portsmouth wholesale system.

8. Other business

Some discussion of the request for additional wholesale water from the district to the City of Portsmouth to serve new connections along

Breakfast Hill Road in Greenland. All clarified that the district has not made any commitment and that past discussions stand.

Commissioner Mack requested that the district pay for his attendance to the annual NHDES source water protection conference. All agreed that this is reasonable.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 15, 2026 - 8:30
- May 6, 2026 - 8:30
- May 20, 2026 - 8:30
- June 3, 2026 - 8:30
- June 17, 2026 – 8:30
- July 1, 2026 – 8:30

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Marion at 10:50 am, seconded by Commissioner Mack. All in favor.

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