

RYE WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
January 8, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.

Attendance:

Art Ditto, Commission Chair
Ralph Hickson, Commissioner
Tom Clifford, Commissioner

Others Present:

Arik Jones, Superintendent
Darren Prince, Asst. Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Charlotte Dura, Resident
Mr. Dura, Resident
Georgina Saravia, Resident

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, Data Report and Bacteria Tests for December

Superintendent Arik Jones presented his monthly report, pumping chart and data reports to the commissioners for review. There were no issues or areas of concern.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the superintendent's report for the month of December. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

III. Review minutes from the December meeting

Motion by Tom Clifford to approve the minutes of December 4, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

IV. Correspondence:

- Information was received from Selectman Phil Winslow regarding possible grant opportunities that may be available if the District has to build a treatment plant.

**V. Treasurer's Report
Not Available**

VI. Cash Flow Report – December

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of December. No areas of concern were noted.

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

VII. Town Planning & Zoning Minutes

- There were no cases before the boards that caused any concerns. Webster at Rye is proposing an expansion of 23 beds to its facility. Superintendent Jones noted that the system can handle the increase in water usage; however, it will put some stress on the system during high use times with the Cedar Run Well being down.

VIII. Old Business:

- **PFAS Sampling/Reporting Process**

Superintendent Jones noted that the District has moved forward with meeting the State requirements for the recommending testing. The Commissioners will be added to the email to receive the results in order to be kept informed.

Coliform testing will be taken within the next few days. PFAS sampling was completed the third week of December and are still being processed by Seacoast Analytical. The chemical samples have been taken and analyzed. There were no detects in all categories tested. That information will be forwarded to the Commissioners for their review. It was agreed that the water sampling budget for the 2020 proposed budget should be looked at carefully to be sure to include enough funds for all sampling now being done.

- **Updated Fee Schedule Review**

The Commissioners have not had a chance to review the proposed fee schedule submitted by Superintendent Jones. It was agreed this should be discussed and worked on in the future.

IX. New Business:

- **Charlotte Dura, 559 Long John Road**, spoke to the Commissioners regarding her concerns with the District's billing system and the fourth quarter reading for water usage at her property on Long John Road.
Georgina Saravia, 670 Long John Road, also expressed concerns on the billing.

The Commissioners reviewed Mrs. Dura's billing and usage history with her. After much discussion, the Commissioner's agreed to take her concerns about the billing system and water readings for her property under advisement. The District will review the calculations of the Dura's property based on the average of past usage and recalculate the bill as appropriate. Superintendent Jones will follow up with Mr. and Mrs. Dura within the next few days.

X. Other Business:

There was discussion on ways the District can move towards a billing system that may be easier for the customers to read with regards to the usage, timeframe and amounts due. The District will continue to work on the system and look towards a possible change in billing software for 2021. There was also discussion on ways the customers can check their meters and how the District can help educate the residents in this regard.

- **Budget Work Session**

The Commissioners reviewed and made changes to the proposed budget for 2020. They also reviewed the proposed warrant articles. A public hearing is needed for the warrant article for a State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) in the amount of \$800,000 for the rehab of the Garland Road pump house. A public hearing is also needed for the warrant article for an SRF Loan for \$315,000 for the water main replacement on Wallis Road. It was agreed to look at the week of February 17th to schedule the public hearings, which will be held at the Library.

The Commissioners will be holding a regular meeting on January 15th in order to vote on the final numbers for the proposed budget.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 11:38 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger