

**RYE WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.  
Rye Town Hall – 10 Central Road**

**Commissioners Present:**

**Scott Marion, Chair  
Rosalie Lopresto, Vice-Chair  
Tom Mack**

**Others Present:**

**Brian Goetz, RWD Administrator  
Arik Jones, Superintendent  
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Business:**

**a. Brown Property Update**

Superintendent Arik Jones reported that the road plates will be set within the next two days. He met with Maher Services and a contract from them has been received for the Commission to review. If the Commission agrees to enter into a contract with Maher, the drilling work can begin within the next two weeks. It's anticipated that the work can be done in one week. Superintendent Jones gave an update on the brush clearing that took place over this past week.

Administrator Goetz noted that Capital Well had proposed putting in a six inch well and Maher proposed an eight inch. The proposal that Maher put together with the addition of the bigger well, pricing wise, fits within the budget. He pointed out that Superintendent Jones has been out in the field with Maher's director. It's recommended that the District moves forward and approves the contract with Maher.

Superintendent Jones explained that he met with the Conservation Commission and presented the idea of laying road plates. There is a culvert area that has been washed out that needs two inch stone to be replaced to stabilize the area, so road plating will be placed over that area. There is another culvert area where road plating will be placed. The plates will be dropped off at Garland well and mobilized as needed.

Administrator Goetz reviewed the details of the contract dated October 11, 2024, from Maher Services in the amount of \$115,985.

**Motion by Tom Mack to approve the contract with Maher Services, dated October 11, 2024, in the amount of one hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred eight five dollars (\$115,985). Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.**

**b. H.R. 7944 – Letter of Support**

Administrator Brian Goetz submitted a copy of the letter of support drafted for H.R. 7944, the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act. The intent of the legislation is to protect water systems from being a responsible party as a generator of disposals that are generated through the treatment process and limit the liability to public water systems. NH Water Works is asking for letters of support for H.R. 7944 from water systems throughout New Hampshire.

The Commissioners agreed to have Chair Marion sign the letter of support on the District's behalf.

**c. Flushing Update and Issues**

Superintendent Jones gave an update on the fall flushing. The District will continue to flush for the next couple of weeks through to the end of October.

The Commission spoke with Administrator Goetz and Superintendent Jones about the importance of setting up a training program and procedures for the water operator staff. Both agreed to work on putting a plan together for the District. The intent moving forward is for Superintendent Jones to spend more time working with the water operators in the field doing onsite training, as Administrator Goetz takes on more of the management responsibilities that is currently being done by the Superintendent.

**d. Lead Service Line Inventory Update**

Superintendent Jones noted that October 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the lead service line inventory. The District's report has been submitted and notification has been received from DES that it has been accepted. There are 211 properties unknowns on the utility side of the system. The District has until November 15<sup>th</sup> to submit letters to the unknown properties. After the notification, investigation work will need to begin for the unknowns, which is where the SRF money comes into play. An application has already been submitted to the State Revolving Fund. The loan amount is \$700,000 with a 71% principal forgiveness. It was also noted that property owners for the unknown properties will be able to have their water tested for no charge through the State.

A warrant article will need to be drafted for the SRF loan to be put out to the voters at the District's annual meeting in March. Administrator Goetz will draft a letter to be sent to the unknown properties, which will be reviewed by the Commissioners at the next meeting.

### **III. Other Business:**

#### **a. Communication Protocols**

Communication protocol was discussed by the Commissioners and Staff after listening to a resident's concerns/questions/experience during a recent fall water flushing event.

#### **b. Introduction of Brian Goetz to the Select Board**

The Water District Commissioners and staff will be attending the select board meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> to introduce new Water District Administrator Brian Goetz.

#### **c. Meeting Schedule – 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting a month**

The Commission agreed that there is no need to hold a third meeting in the months where there are five weeks. The schedule for meetings will be the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

#### **d. Annual Meeting**

The Commissioners set the annual meeting for Saturday, March 22, 2025.

### **IV. Public Comment**

**Art Ditto, 6 Fern Ave.**, expressed his thoughts on water district operators addressing public who approach them and how to train them to be proactive in communications with the public. He also spoke about preparing a vulnerability assessment of the system and show where it can be isolated in emergency situations.

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted, Dyana F Ledger