

**RYE WATER DISTRICT  
MEETING  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.  
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

**Commissioners Present:**

**Scott Marion, Chair**  
**Rosalie Lopresto, Vice-Chair**  
**Tom Mack (via Zoom)**

**Others Present on behalf of the District:**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**II. Brown Property Update**

Superintendent Jones gave a quick update on the clean up at the Brown property from the testing being done on the site for water resource investigation work. The fencing has been left in place for now to see if there will be more work coming up in the near future. RCC has been updated on the project and Susan Shepcaro inquired about the granite shavings that are located near the stonewall. Superintendent Jones noted that he is aware of the pile and will be cleaning the site when they are sure no further debris will be created in the near future. He also noted that a well cap has been installed, and the test well is secure.

Administrator Brian Goetz commented that the next steps involve a detailed memo of recommendations from Greg Smith, Wright-Pierce. After that time, he, Superintendent Jones, and Wright-Pierce will meet with DES Groundwater Bureau to go over the report and to get initial feedback on moving the permitting process forward. The preliminary tests show that the quantity and quality of the water is great; however, this is the first round of testing and additional tests are needed. Wright-Pierce has been asked to give a number for a budget to include a second round of testing, monitoring, and permitting, which RWD will consider for a warrant article to the voters at the March meeting.

Commissioner Lopresto requested to perform a surface water sampling on Bailey Brook on West Road where she also observed considerable "foam" (photos taken 12/13/24). This request was not supported by Commissioners Marion and Mack; and therefore, was not brought forward for a vote. Commissioner Mack was concerned that the sample taken would not be a systematic approach, and that if positive, may have an impact (negative) on NHDES permitting for the new well investigation. Commissioner Lopresto disagreed and felt that a surface water sample in that location, which has never been performed to her knowledge, may prove informative for the public in both the short and long term being that Coakley Landfill Superfund site PFAS contamination of Berry Brook also affects Bailey Brook through what EPA/NHDES coins "backyard conditions".

### **III. Preproposal Meeting Update**

Administrator Goetz reported that there were six engineering firms present at the preproposal meeting for the design phase of the central treatment plant project. The meeting went well with a lot of questions and interactions with the engineers. The proposals are due to the District by Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

### **IV. Piloting**

Administrator Goetz noted that he and Superintendent Jones are going to Portsmouth to look at their piloting equipment, which will be loaned to Rye for the benchmark piloting work associated with the central treatment plant. Administrator Goetz has also been in direct contact with vendors that have the type of filter media that Rye will most likely use. The piloting equipment will be set up by the District at the Garland well with sampling protocols being finalized by Wright-Pierce before the work begins.

### **V. Other Business**

- Encumbrances for 2024
  - 60 Sagamore Road – Electrical construction for the interconnect room  
Ewing Electrical: \$52,724.00

Business Manager Ledger explained that the funds for the 60 Sagamore electrical project were encumbered for 2024 under a work agreement from Ewing Electrical with a total amount of \$125,580. Other projects included in this agreement included work at the Bailey Well (\$43,594) and Cedar Well (\$29,532), which have both been completed. The only outstanding project under this agreement is the work for 60 Sagamore in the amount of \$52,724. It's anticipated that the work will begin after the first of the year.

**Rosalie Lopresto moved to encumber the amount of \$52,724 from the funds encumbered in December 2023 for the year 2024 in the amount of \$125,580 for the Electrical Construction Service/Work Agreement from Ewing Electrical for the work at 60 Sagamore Road.**

- Upcoming Meeting dates: Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**At 10:25 a.m., Rosalie Lopresto moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91:A-3, II (i) emergency functions. Seconded by Tom Mack.**

**Roll Call: Rosalie Lopresto – Aye; Tom Mack – Aye; Scott Marion – Aye**

At 10:40 a.m., the Commission came out of non-public session.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 10:41 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dyana F Ledger