

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
WORK SESSION
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Road**

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 work session to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. Work Session:

a. Treatment facility design firm interviews and recommended consultant

District Administrator Brian Goetz gave an update to the Commission in regard to the interviews that were held on February 11th with the firms who responded to the RFP for design of the treatment facility. The group that held the interviews on behalf of the District included: Administrator Brian Goetz, Superintendent Arik Jones, Former RWD Commissioner Art Ditto, Current Commissioner Tom Mack, and City of Portsmouth Water Resource Manager Al Pratt. Administrator Goetz spoke about each firm's experience and what they have proposed for the Water District. There was also discussion about the engineering firm recommendation for the preliminary design phase. The next steps will include contract negotiations with the firm, which will be handled by Administrator Goetz and reviewed by Attorney Roman. A contract for the Commissioner's approval should be ready for the March meeting.

b. Year in review (2024)

Administrator Goetz reviewed the annual statistics showing weather patterns in relation to groundwater levels for 2024, along with pumping totals for the District.

c. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Jones gave an update on district work over the past month.

- The pumping totals for the month of January are consistent with this time last year.
- Bacteria samples for February have been drawn and results are due back within the week.
- Water District staff will be attending GIS training at Wright-Pierce's office on February 13th.
- Water Operator Caleb Thibodeau is scheduled for the Operator 1 classes starting in March for six weeks. He will be able to sit for his certification in July.
- Additional information has been found regarding copper piping installation for forty-six of the unknown service lines outstanding from the Lead Service Line Survey that was conducted in 2024. The information has been submitted to the State and accepted as appropriate documentation. Out of the original two hundred eleven unknowns, there are now approximately one hundred sixty-five remaining properties. The District will continue their research on the remaining properties in order to reduce the expense of documenting the outstanding unknown service lines.

d. Public outreach regarding ongoing projects and warrant articles

Administrator Goetz updated the Commission on the PowerPoint he is creating for the annual meeting to give the residents an overview of ongoing Water District projects. The PowerPoint will be sent out to the Commissioners for input over the next few weeks.

e. Aquarion

There was discussion on how the residents who are served by Aquarion Water may be affected by the recent sale of the water system by Eversource.

III. Other Business

- **Next Water District meetings:**
 - February 26th (if needed), at office
 - March 12th, 8:30 a.m., Rye Town Hall
 - March 26th, 8:30 a.m., office
 - March 29th, 9:00 a.m., Annual Meeting at Rye Junior High

Adjournment

The work session was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dyana F Ledger