

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 1, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.
& via Zoom**

Commissioners Present:

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

Others Present:

**Arik Jones, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager**

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- March 13th

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the minutes of March 13, 2024 as written.
Seconded by Scott Marion. Vote: 2-0-1 Abstained: Tom Mack**

- March 23rd

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the annual meeting minutes of March 23, 2024 as amended. Seconded by Scott Marion. Vote: 2-0-1 Abstained: Tom Mack

- April 3rd

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the meeting minutes of April 3, 2024 as written.
Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

- April 17th

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the meeting minutes of April 17, 2024 as written.
Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the non-public meeting minutes of April 17, 2024 per RSA 91-A:3 (l) Legal as written. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

III. Resident Richard Furber

Richard Furber, 124 Washington Road, spoke to the Commission about excess water usage for the first three months of the year, due to a leak that caused his usage to go into higher overage rates. He asked the Commissioners to take into consideration to continue his rate at the base charge for the remainder of the year.

The Commission agreed to take this under advisement.

IV. Discussion with Alan Gould, MRI

The Commission met with Alan Gould from Municipal Resources, Inc. to review the requirements and duties for the proposed administrator position. At this time, the intent is to put the position out to a third party for contract. The District will be preparing a request for proposals (RFP) to be put out to advertise the position.

V. Raftelis – Rate Study Discussion

David Fox from Raftelis Group met with the Commissioners to review the rate study that was prepared for the District as part of the Asset Management Grant. The intent of the discussion was to focus on updating the rate study information while taking into account expenditures for upcoming years with a focus on the water treatment facility. Mr. Fox agreed to refine the information and get it back to the Commission.

VI. Superintendent’s Monthly Report for April

Superintendent Arik Jones presented his monthly report and pumping information for the month of April.

- Water pumping totals for the month of April are within the normal range for Rye water usage.
- Portsmouth usage shows a higher than normal usage for this time of year. This could be due to residents returning for the summer season. The District is going to concentrate on updating the meters in this area to ensure accurate readings.
- Spring flushing has been completed with no issues or concerns.
- The District addressed a main break on April 25th on Ocean Boulevard.
- Hydrant 426 was damaged due to a car accident. The driver of the vehicle did not have insurance and the car was reported as stolen. It was agreed to not move forward with submitting a claim to Primex (RWD insurance), as the damage was not of significant value.
- RWD will be participating in the ‘Bring Back the Trades’ Tradeshow on May 4th.
- Monthly samples will be taken within the week for the month of May.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Old Business

Business Manager Dyana Ledger confirmed that a meeting with Rockport Technologies has been scheduled to begin technology services for the District.

IX. Other Business

- a. Town Newsletter Deadline: May 20th**

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger