



**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING
Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Road**

Commission Present: *Scott Marion, Rosalie Lopresto (remote), and Tom Mack*

Others Present on behalf of the District: *District Administrator Brian Goetz, Business Manager Dyana Ledger, and Superintendent Arik Jones*

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

- June 18th Public & Non-Public

**Motion by Tom Mack to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2025, as presented.
Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto.**

**Rosalie Lopresto – Aye; Tom Mack – Aye; Scott Marion – Aye
Motion passed.**

**Motion by Tom Mack to accept the minutes of the non-public meeting of June 18, 2025.
Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto.**

**Rosalie Lopresto – Aye; Tom Mack – Aye; Scott Marion – Aye
Motion passed.**

III. Public Hearing: Accept and Expend NH DES Grant Funds

The purpose of the hearing is to consider acceptance and expenditure of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from an LSLI Grant from NH DES related to water service line inventory activities. If voted to accept, the Commission will further authorize Scott Marion, Commission Chair, to execute any documents to effectuate this grant.

At 9:00 a.m., Chair Marion opened the public hearing. There were no questions or concerns raised by the Commission. No public comments were made.

Tom Mack moved to close the public hearing at 9:01 a.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. Rosalie Lopresto – Aye; Tom Mack – Aye; Scott Marion – Aye.

Tom Mack moved to accept and expend the LSLI Grant from NH DES in the amount of \$60,000 for water service line inventory activities, and to authorize Chair Scott Marion to execute any documents to effectuate this grant. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto.

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

Motion passed.

IV. Business:

a. Current operations and pumping due to warm weather

Superintendent Jones went over June monthly water system statistics. 2025 demands were very similar to 2024 with recent high demand during last week's heat wave. Administrator Goetz provided graphics showing the difference between hot and dry pumpage versus the cooler, wetter weekend weather. The system was running at 69% during the hot/dry weather and at 48% during the cooler/wet weather. It was pointed out that recent district messaging to customers about not running irrigation systems during rain events may be working.

b. Rate Study Scope of Work and Contract

Administrator Goetz presented Underwood Engineers' scope of work for updating water rates. Commission agreed to the \$38,200 contract and authorized Administrator to sign. Work will commence immediately with intent of having a draft by Oct/Nov for rate implementation starting January 1, 2026.

Tom Mack moved to approve the contract with Underwood Engineers, in the amount of \$38,200., for work related to studying and updating the Water District rates; and to authorize Administrator Brian Goetz to sign the contract. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto.

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

Motion passed.

c. Cedar Run and Garland Well Updates

Administrator Goetz provided an update on this project following meetings that he and Commissioner Mack had with Wright-Pierce. W-P was directed to work with well pump vendors to design and install a well seal at the Cedar Run well ASAP. Once installed the well will be pumped to determine any changes to quality and quantity. At that point a decision will be made as to next steps to take. Garland Well work with W-P will include determining the site to reserve for potential backup/replacement well for Garland so that area does not get impacted by future treatment facility construction. The intent is to just reserve this area in case something was to happen to the Garland Well.

d. West Road Test Well Update

Administrator Goetz provided an update on W-P meeting he attended with Commissioner Mack regarding next steps for this site. The next phase will involve ground geophysics that will be performed by W-P to determine fracture locations and orientation. This information will be utilized to determine location of final well that will be used for the NHDES Preliminary Groundwater Withdrawal Application. Discussion with commissioners included a bit more detail as to the process and timing. Administrator Goetz said that it is a long process and NHDES will have a lot of oversight and requirements for monitoring other water resources and wells in the vicinity of this well to determine any potential impacts this withdrawal might have.

e. Grove Road Landfill permit letter to NH DES follow-up

Administrator Goetz relayed information to the commissioners about a telephone conversation he had with Jeff Marts, Administrator for the NHDES's Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau on June 25, 2025. He reiterated that the District has requested a response in writing from the bureau.

f. Water Operator interviews

Three applicants have been interviewed by Superintendent Jones and Administrator Goetz. All were qualified, but Jones and Goetz would like to continue to search and interview before taking the next step. There are still applicants submitting their resumes for this position and it is also still posted on the NHWWA and Granite State Rural Water websites.

V. Other Business

Administrator Goetz and Superintendent Jones mentioned how the Moen Automatic Shutoff valves are causing customers to call the District at off hours when the valve shuts their water off. All agreed that providing information on the website may be helpful.

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Mack to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger