

RYE WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
July 3, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.

Attendance:

Art Ditto, Commission Chair
Ralph Hickson, Commissioner
Tom Clifford, Commissioner

Others Present:

Arik Jones, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Phil Winslow, Selectman

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

II. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, Data Report and Bacteria Tests for December

Superintendent Arik Jones reported on projects for the month of June:

- The pumping data shows that the totals are down in comparison to June of last year. However, the year-to-date data is similar to 2018.
- The work at the pump house has been completed. The piping is in place and is operational.
- The engineering service agreement has been reviewed with Chris Berg from Wright-Pierce and is awaiting signatures from the commissioners.
- Hydrant 353 was hit by a vehicle and damaged. The hydrant has already been replaced. It is no known who hit the hydrant.
- The PLC equipment at Breakfast Hill stopped working and communication was lost between the tank and Garland well. It seems that the equipment may have been struck by lightning. The equipment has been repaired. The cost of repair was not substantial enough to submit to Primex.
- The Energy Committee conducted an audit. The State will be coming in to look more at the pumps and let the district know what they offer for rebates and incentives.
- The Energy Committee has requested a meeting with the commissioners on July 31st to further discuss the solar array.
- Wright-Pierce and Louis Adorno, NH DES, would like to meet with the commissioners on July 10th to discuss the Asset Management Grant.
- Five hydrants are scheduled to be replaced next week.
- Autumn Lane, located at the new subdivision off South Road, has been flushed and service is on.
- Meter readings have been completed and bills are now being processed.
- It is expected that the new truck will be delivered next week.

Superintendent Jones reviewed the office driveway quote for the commissioners. Sagamore Animal Hospital has agreed to share half the cost of the driveway repairs. There was discussion about where the funds would come from because this was not included in the budget for 2019.

There was some discussion on the research to find out who actually owns the driveway and if the district has an easement to cross. It was agreed that the matter should be turned over to Attorney Scott, as there may need to be follow-up with an agreement to use the driveway.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to have Matrix Excavating and Paving repair the driveway, once the funds can be verified in the budget. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

Motion by Tom Clifford to accept the Superintendent's Report for the month of June. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

III. Review minutes:

- **June 5, 2019**

The following correction was made:

It should be noted on the first page that PFA's should be PFAS.

Motion by Tom Clifford to approve the minutes of June 5, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

IV. Correspondence:

It was agreed that correspondence received through the commissioner's email should be included for review during monthly meetings.

Superintendent Jones noted that he spoke with Resident Steve Borne who was not able to find the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) on the district's website. Mr. Borne was looking to attach the link to the Rye Civic League Newsletter that is sent out electronically on a monthly basis. The link to the CCR for customers receiving Rye water can be found on the home page of the Water District's website under "Water Quality Report". It was agreed that Mr. Jones will reach out to Portsmouth to link Portsmouth's CCR to the district's website for customers receiving Portsmouth water.

Consumer Confidence Reports can be found at:

www.Ryewaterdistrict.com

**V. Treasurer's Report - May
Not Available**

VI. Cash Flow Report Reports for the month of June

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of June that were submitted by Business Manager Dyana Ledger. The second quarter billing is currently being processed. The quarter bills will be sent to customers over the next week.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to accept the cash flow reports for the month of June. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Town Planning & Zoning Minutes

There were no areas of concern in the planning and zoning minutes. Larger projects before the town boards include; 1244 Washington Road, Developer Joe Falzone, and 1215 Ocean Blvd, Developer John Samonas.

It was noted that The Housing Partnership has not started construction on their project that was approved last year on Airfield Drive. It is expected that they may be waiting for information regarding the possibility of Portsmouth's sewer line being extended through Rye along Route 1.

VIII. New Business

- **Draft Irrigation Watering Policy**

Chair Ditto noted that he drafted an irrigation policy that he has sent out to the commissioners, which he has titled "Standalone Irrigation Watering System Policy". The policy would apply to meters that are installed specifically for irrigation. He suggested that the commissioners consider moving forward on a policy soon because of the new developments that are being proposed in Rye. If the developments are proposing irrigation systems, the district will need a way to manage those proposals. He pointed out that the draft was from the work that was done last year for a proposed policy and build off what Portsmouth is doing. The draft proposes a set monthly charge for the use of the meter with a charge for water usage, which would be on a tiered rate schedule. The charge for irrigation would be higher than residential usage. He noted that the template for the policy came from the State. The City of Portsmouth has the same type of structure for irrigation. The policy would be managed by the Water District and not involve any other town entity.

The commissioners reviewed and discussed some edits to the draft.

- **Proposed NHDES PFAS MCLs**

The commissioners reviewed the information received on the proposed regulations for ENV-DW (Drinking Water) 702 and the table for the proposed MCLs, which are for PFAS compounds. The Water District has been tracking PFAS over the past two years.

IX. Old Business

- **CIP Request from Planning/Zoning Administrator Kim Reed**

Chair Ditto will work on the submissions for the Capital Improvements Plan for the Water District. The threshold for projects included in the CIP is \$15,000 and are non-reoccurring items outside normal operations and maintenance. The CIP covers a five-year time frame to 2024.

X. Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger