

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

Commissioners Present:

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

Others Present:

Arik Jones, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Richard Furber, Resident
James Heinz, Resident/Homeland Security Officer

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Brown Property Update – Water Source Investigation

Commissioner Mack has taken surface groundwater samples at the outflow of the culvert on the Brown property, during a period of low flow, in order to do a PFAS screening of the location; which is the same capture location of a well. The intent for the sampling is to get more information on the water quality in that area in order to decide whether it would be prudent to move forward with more in-depth testing. The District is currently waiting on the test results.

III. Richard Furber – 124 Washington Road

Richard Furber, 124 Washington Road, met with the Commissioners to discuss his previous request to the Commission to reset the annual allotment for water usage at his property, due to the malfunction of an onsite Point of Entry Treatment (POET) System, installed by the property owner, which caused excess water usage. At the July 3rd meeting, the Commissioners came to a consensus to allow a one-time adjustment to reset the annual water allotment starting with the second quarter billing. Mr. Furber made a request to the Commission to start the reset at the beginning of the calendar year.

The Commission agreed to take Mr. Furber's request under consideration.

IV. James Heinz – Homeland Security Emergency Management

James Heinz, Fire/EMS Intelligence Liaison Officer with Homeland Security, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the District. Officer Heinz is assigned to the Terrorism Intel Unit with Homeland Security, and can provide resources and training to the District with regard to infrastructure and technology protection. He also spoke to the Commission about how the District staff can help in protecting the community by reporting suspicious activities that may be seen during their normal working routines.

V. Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce

Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce Engineering, met with the Commission to give an update on ongoing projects for the District.

- Garland Road water main State Revolving Fund application has been submitted to the State. The project priority list is due to be posted by next week, which will give an idea of whether the project is favorable to move forward.
- The bench scale is complete for the central treatment plant and the final report is being completed.
- Remediation at the Washington Road tank site should be started after tank painting has been completed. Wright-Pierce is waiting on word from the State with regard to other remediation requirements that need to be addressed.
- The asset management project is coming to completion and the final report is being revised. A final draft will be available for review next week and a final grant disbursement will be submitted to the State.
- The District is encouraged to submit an application for funding that is available through NH DES for the identification or replacement of lead service lines within the District. The funding program allows for seventy percent principal forgiveness. It was agreed to move forward with the loan application.
- The Strategic Planning Grant for the Garland Road project has been completed and a final disbursement request will be sent to the State.

VI. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Arik Jones gave an update to the Commissioners regarding district work.

- Underwood Engineering conducted a quick off meeting for the NH DES Regional Interconnect Study, which Superintendent Jones attended.
- Annul meter calibrations have been completed.
- Bacteria samples for July have been received with no issues.
- Superintendent Jones and Water Operator Jacob Madore will be attending a best management practice (BMP) class addressing potential contamination sources (PCS).
- Water Operator Madore has received a scholarship through NH Water Works to acquire further water licensing with the State. The presentation of the scholarship is being held August 29th at Pat's Peak.
- NH Public Radio interviewed Superintendent Jones about drought. At this time, Rye is not in a drought condition, but is listed as abnormally dry. The for the

District is to move towards a voluntary restriction, asking residents to limit unnecessary usage.

VII. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 (b) Hiring

At 10:40 a.m., Scott Marion made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 (b) Hiring. Seconded by Tom Mack.

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

At 11:05 a.m., the Commission came out of non-public session.

VIII. Other Business

- The Commission discussed the request made by Richard Furber for 124 Washington Road. It was the consensus of the Commission to deny the second request from Mr. Furber and stay with the original decision to reset his water usage allotment starting at the second quarter.

Adjournment

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F Ledger