

RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.

Commissioners Present:

Arthur Ditto, Chair
Ralph Hickson
Scott Marion

Others Present:

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Ditto called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- July 6, 2022

**Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the July 6, 2022 meeting minutes as amended.
Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

III. Superintendent's Monthly Report, Pumping Chart, and Data Report, and Bacteria Tests for July

Superintendent Arik Jones presented the monthly data reports and the superintendent's report for July.

- The water pumping totals continue to climb on a monthly basis, as well as year to date totals.
- The bacteria samples for July came back clear.
- Separate meters for each building at White Birch have been installed, which will provide more detailed data on individual building water usage.
- A preconstruction meeting for the new development going in off Route 1 was held on July 19th. Things seem to be moving forward with the project as expected.
- Training has been ongoing in the field with the water operators.

- A preconstruction meeting for the Wallis Road project was held on July 26th at the Water District office.
- Notices to residents were delivered informing them of the temporary shut down of water for repairs in the Fairhill Ave and Parsons Road areas.
- The Garland Road project is almost complete. There are funds still available through the SRF loan that may be able to cover additional Garland upgrades; such as, the KOH feed system, KOH control button relocation, ultrasonic level transducer, software to generate NH DES reports and Connex office purchase.

The Commissioners reviewed the data charts and monthly report.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the Superintendent’s report for the month of July. Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.

IV. Cash Flow Reports for July

The Commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of July. There were no concerns or issues noted.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the cash flow reports for July. Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.

V. Old Business

a. Mandatory Restrictions and Enforcement

There was some discussion about communication with the residents in regards to the mandatory water restrictions. It was agreed that post card notices should be sent to each household. It was also agreed that the message boards should be set up in front of the Town Hall and at Lang’s Corner Garage. Superintendent Jones will check with Town Administrator Kevin Walsh about having a sign in front of the public safety building.

VI. New Business

a. Review 2023 CIP Projects

Chair Ditto reviewed the narratives for the CIP projects, which he has been working on for the CIP Committee. The projects being submitted include the water treatment plant, Wallis Road main replacement update (fall 2023), Washington Road tank maintenance (2024), Sagamore Road pump station (2023), and Parson’s Road (2023).

The Rye Water District Commission continues to provide this information to the Town of Rye CIP Committee consistent with the provisions of RSA 674:7 for their consideration and discussion in developing the town CIP. This is just an input from RWD so the CIP Committee knows what projects the Rye Water District is doing, so they can match them up with the town’s projects. The Water District is not obligated to change and revise the information submitted.

b. Discussion – Rate Structure Modification

The Commission reviewed and discussed preliminary rate structure numbers. A modification of the District’s current rate structure is being considered starting with the 2023 Budget.

VII. Town Planning and Zoning Minutes

No issues or concerns were seen in last month’s meeting minutes for the planning and zoning boards.

a. Review Rules and Regs Subcommittee meeting minutes 6/28/22

Chair Ditto noted that the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee held a meeting on June 28th. They went through the proposed LDR amendments. Amendment 2022-26 addresses irrigation systems. The amendment will add an Appendix G, which follows the NH DES model ordinance. This model ordinance is what RWD used to develop the guidance for standalone irrigation systems. The proposed amendment was sent to the Planning Board for review and discussion. The amendment was moved to a public hearing on September 20th.

Chair Ditto continued that what’s absent in the amendment is how it’s going to be managed and enforced. If a subdivision is going to put in irrigation, they have to follow Appendix G, which is basically what the State recommends. If an individual is going to install irrigation at a later date, it has to go before the Technical Review Committee. How are they going to know that this is going to be done? He pointed out that there’s no enforcement action associated with the proposed amendment. He feels that RWD needs to move forward with proposing an ordinance to require a building permit for installation of irrigation systems.

VIII. Other Business

• Partner’s Bank – meeting room

Business Manager Dyana Ledger noted that she spoke with the manager of Partner’s Bank in regards to the availability of the community meeting room at the bank. The room is available to RWD for both day and evening meetings. This is just for the Commissioner’s information for future meetings where it’s expected there will be a large number of people attending.

• Town Newsletter

It was noted that the article for the town’s newsletter is due on August 19th. Superintendent Jones will write up a draft and send it out to the Commissioners for review.

Adjournment

Motion by Ralph Hickson to adjourn at 11:54 a.m. Seconded by Art Ditto. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger