



## MEETING

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.**

Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Road

Commission Present: *Scott Marion, Rosalie Lopresto, 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 8:00 a.m.

### **II. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel**

**At 8:00 a.m., Rosalie Lopresto moved to enter Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Tom Mack.**

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

The Commission came out of non-public session at 9:00 a.m.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Tom Mack to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.**

### **IV. Superintendent Update**

Superintendent Arik Jones gave an update on projects for the Water District:

- Tree cutting and pruning has been completed around the tanks, as well as the well site. This will make the painting of tank 1 easier, which is due to start on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The exterior painting of the tank is anticipated to take about six weeks with three weeks of blasting. The vent cap, ladder system, and entry hatches will also be replaced during this project. Property owners near the tank have been informed about the upcoming work.

- Tank 2 has had its three-year inspection and cleaning. There was more sediment in the tank than with past inspections which could be due to the chlorination of the system. The Washington Road tanks have the higher levels of iron and manganese in the system. This could also be a one-time incident. The system may have flushed itself out with chlorination and reached a better equilibrium. Moving forward, the intent is to clean and inspect the tank in two years, instead of waiting for three and decide at that time on how to continue.
- The pumping total for August was 21 million gallons, which is about the same as July. The pumping totals for this year are consistent with totals from last year.

## **V. Administrator Update**

- District Administrator Brian Goetz reviewed the map for N.H. showing the drought conditions throughout the state. Rockingham County is in an abnormally dry condition currently. In the last twelve months, there has only been one month with near average rainfall and one month above average. There has been only three inches of rainfall in the last three months. He reviewed the well water levels, which are still doing okay and not as low as they were in 2022. Odd/even restrictions are in effect and outreach efforts were done by district staff. Postcards have been mailed to all customers alerting them of the odd/even water restriction that was put in place at the last meeting. An alert has been posted on the Water District's website, as well as a notice on the town's website. The electronic message board is set up near the transfer station with an alert about the restrictions, along with signs posted throughout the district.
- Underwood Engineering will be at the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to give an update to the Commissioners about the Central Treatment Plant project. Attorney Roman will be invited to that meeting to hear the update.
- West Road Test Well – Field work has been completed. Waiting on analysis and memo from Wright-Pierce before proceeding with next phase of permit submittal and pump testing of the well.
- Cedar Run and Garland wells – Packer seal is on order for Cedar Run well. Anticipate delivery in a few weeks and then it can be installed and pump tested to see how water quality and quantity is affected. Commissioner Mack will be doing some hydrogeologic surveys around the Garland well to better understand that aquifer, site additional monitoring wells and pick a location for future backup well for current Garland well.
- Rate Study – Still on track for recommendations by end of October and information for public outreach/meetings in November.

## **VI. Financials**

Business Manager Dyana Ledger sent expenditure reports to the Commissioners before the meeting for review. There were no real concerns with the year-to-date reports. There was some concern about the timing of the receipt of the tax check from the town. There is also concern about the district's reserve accounts and how the accounts will be managed moving forward by the Trustees for the Trust Funds. Chair Marion agreed to follow up with the Select Board.

## **VII. Other Business**

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- 9/15
- 10/1
- 10/30
- 11/6
- 11/19
- 12/3
- 12/18

All meetings start at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Rye Water District Office, 60 Sagamore Rd.

## **VIII. Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel**

**At 10:08 a.m., Tom Mack moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto.**

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

The Commission came out of non-public session at 10:30 a.m.

**Motion by Scott Marion to seal both non-public meeting minutes of this meeting. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.**

Adjournment

**Motion by Tom Mack to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger