

RYE WATER DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
September 4, 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 9:00 a.m.

II. Discussion with Michael Bean re: 112 Grove Road

Mr. Bean met with Chair Art Ditto, just before the meeting, to discuss his concern that he was not notified that work was being done on Cedar Run well property, which abuts his property at 112 Grove Road. Mr. Bean saw the flags for the survey work and did not have any information about the project. The commission apologized and agreed to keep him informed in the future.

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

Superintendent, Arik Jones, reviewed his monthly report for the commissioners:

- There was a coliform hit on West Road; however, resampling tests came back clear. All other August testing was clear.
- The crew is finishing the radio installs.
- The pumping totals show that it is up just under a million gallons from this time last year; however, the overall total is lower than what it has been in the past five years.
- Goss Subdivision on Ocean Blvd has been started.
- Permits are still pending for the Route 1A project. Severino is handling the permitting and the superintendent will follow up on the status.

There was some discussion on the process, as outlined by DES, the district has to follow if there is a coliform hit in the system. There was also some discussion about irrigation sensors to help control the usage of water for landscaping.

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

IV. Review and approval of minutes of August 7th

The following correction was noted:

- 1st page, last paragraph, 3rd sentence should read: **The commissioners are not in the position to tell the customers what they are going to get.**

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the minutes of August 7, 2019 as amended. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

V. Correspondence

- **Planning Administrator Kim Reed** sent a request for the commission to review Land Development Regulations Section 605, regarding water line construction, as the LDR is being updated by the Planning Board. Superintendent Jones will follow up with Mrs. Reed.
- **Michele Sopher, Rye Energy Committee**, sent a notice regarding LED lighting in the town, which does not affect the Water District.
- PFAS Workshop being held on September 18th.

VI. Treasurer's Report for the months of May, June & July

The commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for the months of May, June and July. There were no areas of concern noted.

Motion by Ralph Hickson to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the months of May, June and July. Seconded by Tom Clifford. All in favor.

VII. Cash Flow Reports – August

The commissioners reviewed the cash flow reports for the month of August. There were no areas of concern noted.

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

VIII. Town Planning and Zoning Minutes

- There were no areas of concern for the Water District in the Planning Board and Zoning Board minutes.
The project at 1244 Washington Road is still moving forward.

Work is still being done on the possibility of bringing the sewer connection from Portsmouth through Rye on Route 1. This may affect the development of 1244 Washington Road.

IX. New Business:

- **Discussion on the Aquarion Boil Water Event & Emergency Plan**

The Rye Water District has an Emergency Management Plan, which addresses emergency notification procedures in the case of a boil water event. It was agreed that Superintendent Jones should review the plan and bring it up to date.

The commissioners requested that the Water District's service map be added to the district's website clearly showing the boundaries of the district. Superintendent Jones agreed to follow up with Wright-Pierce to get a map posted.

There was discussion about setting up an emergency notification procedure; such as, reverse 911, email alerts and emergency contact numbers. There was also discussion on the possible purchase of an electronic message board, which could be considered for the next budget cycle. The message board could be used for emergency notices and for notices of flushing. The message board could be shared with the town, as it would not be in use by the district full time.

- **Speeding in town**

Chair Ditto noted that Police Chief Walsh put out a letter regarding vehicle speeding through the town. Chief Walsh is encouraging all residents and employees working in town to be aware and to drive with caution, as the department will be proactive in enforcing the speed limits.

- **New PFAS Sampling Regulations**

There was discussion on the new PFAS sampling regulations from NH DES. The regulations are unclear and it was agreed that Superintendent Jones should get further information for clarification.

X. Old Business

- Chair Ditto requested that the newly adopted Irrigation Policy be posted on the Water District's website.

XI. Other Business

- Selectman Phil Winslow spoke to the commission about the Rye Goss Farm Open House, which is being held on September 22nd and the possibility of the district having a table at the event.
The commissioners agreed to set up a table with information about the district.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Tom Clifford to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Seconded by Ralph Hickson. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger