

**RYE WATER DISTRICT
MEETING
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.
Water District Office – 60 Sagamore Rd.**

Commissioners Present:

**Ralph Hickson, Chair
Scott Marion
Rosalie Lopresto**

Others Present:

**Arik Jones, Superintendent
Dyana Ledger, Business Manager
Steve Parkinson, MRI
Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce**

I. Call to Order

Chair Hickson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

- **December 20th**

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023 as presented.
Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

- **January 9th**

**Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024 as amended.
Seconded by Scott Marion. All in favor.**

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

Superintendent Arik Jones presented his report for the month of January, along with data and pumping charts.

- Water usage for the month of January was down from this time last year. The decrease may be due to the flushing that took place just after Christmas/New Year's last year to address the buildup of iron in the bedrock line on Garland well.

- The lead service line inventory project is still in process with help from Wright-Pierce. The deadline for the project is October 16th. The operators in the field have been given different tasks for the project, in order to move the work along. The project is being funded through a NH DES Grant of \$40,000.
- Bacterial samples have been taken; however, the results for this month have not yet been received. RWD was mandated by DES to pull bacteria samples from the wells for one year following the boil order in 2022. RWD has passed all sampling requirements and is no longer required to pull samples from the wells on a monthly basis for bacterial count. However, the District has been doing bacterial counts, E. coli and coliform testing each month since 2020, and will continue to do that sampling.

Motion by Scott Marion to accept the Superintendent’s Report for the month of January. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

IV. Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce – Project Updates

Chris Berg, Wright-Pierce, gave an update to the Commission in regard to ongoing district projects. Wright-Pierce has been working on moving the potential funding for the central treatment facility through the budgeting and warrant article process. Benchmark piloting to look at the best treatment process for iron and manganese removal will begin within the next few weeks. This testing is being covered under a strategic planning grant from DES in the amount of \$50,000.

The water source investigation project is moving forward. Wright-Pierce has been coordinating access to the Brown Farm Lane property. The intent is to access the property for the test wells the end of February or beginning of March.

Commissioner Marion asked Mr. Berg to give him advance notice of the date, so that he can keep the Conservation Commission informed. Mr. Berg agreed.

The Wallis Road project has been completed and Wright-Pierce is working on closing out the loan paperwork. The asset management project should be finalized by May, which will be just before the treatment facility funding deadline of July 1st. Wright-Pierce has draft plans prepared for the Garland Road watermain project. The preliminary plans and cost estimates will be submitted within the next two weeks. The preliminary work for this project is being covered under a NH DES grant for \$50,000.

V. Correspondence

- It was noted that a copy of the final memorandum of agreement (MOU) between the Select Board and RWD has been received from Attorney Roman. The final version is also being sent to Attorney Maher.
- Notice was received from Janice Ireland that an article for the Town’s newsletter is due by February 12th.

VI. New Business

None

VII. Other Business

a. Follow up on Budget Committee votes

It was noted that the Budget Committee met after the Deliberative Session to vote on the warrant article put forward by the District for the funding of the treatment facility, as it was tabled at the Budget Committee Meeting on January 31st. The Budget Committee voted 8-0 to recommend the warrant article, which will be presented to the voters at the District's annual meeting on March 23rd. Business Manager Dyana Ledger will finalize the warrant for Budget Committee signatures. Once the signatures are received, the warrant and proposed budget for 2024 will be posted and submitted to the Department of Revenue Administration.

b. Central Treatment Facility Funding Informational Meeting

The Commissioners agreed to hold an informational meeting for the public with regard to the proposed treatment facility funding, which is being presented to the voters at the annual meeting. The informational meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 18th, 6:30 p.m. at the Rye Junior High.

Adjournment

Motion by Scott Marion to adjourn at 11:58 p.m. Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F Ledger