



**RYE WATER DISTRICT
WORK SESSION
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 – 8:30 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, Superintendent Arik Jones, and Attorney Keriann Roman*

I. Call to Order

Chair Marion called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m.

II. Non-Public per RSA 91:A-3, II (l) Legal

At 8:32 a.m., Rosalie Lopresto moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91:A-3, II (l) Legal. Seconded by Tom Mack.

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

At 8:45 a.m., the Commission came out of non-public session.

III. NHDES Re: Grove Road Landfill Closure (via Teams)

8:45 a.m. – NHDES representatives, Jeffrey Marts and James O'Rourke joined the meeting via Teams to discuss the status of the Grove Road Landfill. They discussed the monitoring, DES review of data and condition of the landfill area. They stated that the groundwater management zone (GMZ) does not extend all the way to the Garland well because the PFAS values there do not exceed the current NHDES ambient groundwater quality standards. All discussed the pending EPA regulations that will lower the maximum contaminant levels for PFOA and PFOS to 4 parts-per-trillion. NHDES stated that once those go into effect there is a process that the state will undertake to make those standards their ambient groundwater quality standards.

Regarding the permit; they stated that the landfill's five-year permit submittal was under review and that it would be issued soon. The commissioners asked about the ability to comment and stated that they would do so to address concerns about the PFAS in the Garland well associated with the effect the landfill has on the aquifer.

IV. Non-Public Meeting per RSA 91:A-3, II (a) Personnel

At 9:50 a.m., Rosalie Lopresto moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91:A-3, II (a) Personnel. Seconded by Tom Mack.

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

The Commission came out of non-public session at 10:25 a.m.

V. Administrator's Update

District Administrator Brian Goetz gave an update on current district projects:

a. Backflow Testing

The spring backflow testing will be subcontracted out this year to Ryan Crawford, due to current staffing levels and the need to alleviate some tasks from the Superintendent. Mr. Crawford has worked for the District doing backflow testing in the past. Properties requiring backflow testing (mostly commercial) will be contacted directly to schedule an appointment.

b. New temporary operations enter office setup at Garland Road facility

The temporary office trailer has been delivered to the Garland site and work has started on setting up necessary office equipment. The trailer will be used for onsite operations and engineering meetings over the next few years during the preliminary and construction phase of the central treatment facility.

c. Central Treatment Design and Piloting Progress

Piloting and data review continues with Underwood Engineers. Treatment options for bedrock wells are complicated by the unique water quality of these two wells. Underwood continues to research other systems in New England that deal with treating similar water.

d. Bailey and Cedar Run Well work scope and progress

The district is going to proceed with performing borehole geophysics of the Cedar Run well to determine if and where the well can be sealed off to reduce potential input of upper waters into the well. If this upper water can be sealed off then there is a good chance that water quality will improve. The better the quality water we can obtain prior to treatment will help reduce the complexity, cost and operational work needed to treat this water. The commission agreed to proceed with this work.

e. Rate Study

Continue to review water use demographics. Will start work with consultant soon to develop pro-forma and path forward with intent to change rate structure, go to quarterly billing and increase revenue through rate adjustments starting on January 1, 2026.

VI. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Arik Jones gave an update on ongoing field projects:

a. April 2025 summary presented

The Commissioners reviewed the pumping and usage data for the month of April. (email w/data was referenced)

b. Pending project and maintenance schedule

Updates were given on flushing, West Road Valve replacement and pending main replacement for Acorn Acres.

VII. Business Manager Update

a. Financials

Business Manager Dyana Ledger emailed year-to-date financial information to the Commissioners prior to the meeting for review. The Commissioners did not have any questions or concerns about the reports.

VIII. Town Newsletter (Rye Water District segment – Brian sent draft to commissioners)

The Commissioners reviewed the draft prepared by Administrator Goetz for the upcoming Town Newsletter. There were a few minor changes that will be made before sending to Janice Ireland in the Selectmen's Office.

IX. Other Business

a. Approval of Minutes: 1/15 – 1/28 – 1/30 – 2/12 – 3/12 – 3/24 – 3/29 – 4/07 – 4/28

Motion by Tom Mack to approve the minutes of January 15th, January 28th, January 30th, February 12th, March 12th, March 24th, March 29th, April 7th and April 28th.

Seconded by Rosalie Lopresto. All in favor.

b. Deputy Treasurer

It was noted that Treasurer Amy Thibodeau has requested to appoint Lindsay Murphy as Deputy Treasurer. The Commission did not have any issues with the appointment. No vote is needed, as the treasurer has the authority to appoint a deputy treasurer.

Adjournment

Motion by Rosalie Lopresto to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Seconded by Tom Mack. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger