

WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS

Rye Lake Filtration Plant Public Hearing

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Courtroom, Town Center, 740 West Boston Post Road
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Present:

- Trustees: Thomas Murphy (in-person) and Jaine Elkind Eney (in-person)
- Lori Lee Dickson, General Counsel (in-person)
- Paul Kutzy, Manager (in-person)
- David Birdsall, Business Director (in-person)
- Frank Arcara, General Superintendent (in-person)
- Jacqueline Briggs, Assistant Civil Engineer (in-person)
- Zach Wasp, Assistant Civil Engineer (in-person)

Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to open the May 25, 2022 Rye Lake Filtration Plant public hearing meeting at 5:03 p.m.. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion, all in favor:

Chair/Trustee Murphy	“aye”
Trustee Dionisio	Not Present
Trustee Elkind Eney	“aye”

Thomas A. Murphy, Chairperson of the WJWW Board of Trustees welcomed everyone and introduced WJWW Trustee Jaine Elkind Eney. Chairperson Murphy explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to accept comments from the public on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Rye Lake Filtration Plant project. The meeting, he shared, would begin with a presentation by the WJWW consulting team and followed by a public comment period. Speakers were asked to keep their comments to within a 3-minute time limit and were reminded that written comments will continue to be accepted through the filtration plant microsite at www.wjwwfiltration.org or through the U.S. mail at 1625 Mamaroneck Ave, Mamaroneck, NY, through June 6, 2022.

Valerie Monastra, Principal Planner with Nelson Pope and Voorhis, began the presentation by giving a brief overview of the project and introduced members of the filtration plant SEQRA technical team. Eileen Feldman, Associate Vice President with Hazen & Sawyer, stepped to the microphone and provided details related to the background of the project and technical and engineering aspects of the filtration plant. Ms. Monastra then shared a flowchart of the SEQRA process, milestones that have been met and where the project stands to date. She also highlighted some of the environmental topics that were covered in the DEIS. John Fry, Principal Architect with Nexus Creative, then provided a detailed overview of architectural concepts and design topics, including community character and visual impacts, of the project. Ms. Feldman reviewed Stormwater considerations of the project and emphasized that all New York State and New York City regulations will be met. Hazen and Sawyer and the consulting team have been working closely with NYCDEP and the NYS Watershed Inspector General to ensure the

protection of the watershed. Ms. Monastra finished the consultants' presentation by reviewing additional environmental impacts covered in the DEIS including Fiscal & Economic, Vegetative & Wildlife, Traffic & Transportation, Construction considerations and Alternatives that were considered.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairperson Murphy shared that the public comment portion of the hearing would begin and reminded the public that there is a 3-minute time limit for each speaker. He explained that the purpose of this portion of the meeting is not to provide a back and forth, question/answer dialogue, but instead to give members of the public a chance to share their questions or concerns. All comments and questions will be addressed, he explained, in the draft Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). A sign-in sheet was made available for anyone who wanted to speak to give everyone a chance to be heard and for inclusion in an accurate transcript of the public hearing.

Nine members of the public stepped to the microphone to share their thoughts and ask questions, which ranged from concerns about the location of the project to loss of trees and construction noise. At the conclusion of the comment period, Chairperson Murphy thanked everyone for attending the hearing and sharing their thoughts. The public was assured that their concerns were "heard" and will be "taken seriously". Chairperson Murphy apologized for the lack of dialogue, explaining that SEQRA law prohibits the WJWW Board from responding to comments during the public hearing. Everyone was reminded that they can keep on top of next steps in the process and provide additional comments through the microsite through June 6th.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Elkind Eney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Murphy seconded the motion:

Chair/Trustee Murphy	"aye"
Trustee Dionisio	Not Present
Trustee Elkind Eney	"aye"

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.