



# DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dorset Water Co.

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## DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

**February 11, 2019**

**Present:** Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Steve Jones, Abbott de Rham (by phone), Jim McGinnis (Water Operator), Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

**Absent:** Greg Kepler (Kepler Engineering)

**Others Present:** Nancy Faesy, Bob Faesy

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **Approval of January Minutes**

M. McWayne moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Engineer's Report (Kepler)**

- **Leak Investigation/Matchpoint Status** ~ G. Kepler has sent base mapping data to Matchpoint who are scheduled to start leak detection February 18<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to do an isolation by section approach crossed referenced to meter data. A notification is to be sent out to water customers.
- **Well Project Status** ~ Green Mountain Well Company has started work today on the new test well which is approximately 30 to 40 feet from the old well. Test samples will be taken and analyzed and a better idea of water quality should be known by the first half of March. The amendment for the Planning Loan application has been submitted and is under DEC review. It was the consensus of the DFD Board to do a submission for the annual DWSRF Construction Priority List application.
- **Meter Station – Bluesiren Data** ~ graph and data were given showing water flow for January and the beginning of February. Average flow for

January was 95 GPM and increased to 111 GPM as of February 4<sup>th</sup>. J. McGinnis reported that there seems to be a display problem with the remote display meter, but G. Kepler said that reports to the web site seem accurate. J. McGinnis has been leak detecting on Dorset Hollow Road and he explained his methods.

R. Squire moved and S. Jones seconded to accept the Engineer's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Water Operator's Report (McGinnis)**

There was an issue with the solar panel not generating current during the severe cold weather and VDC thought it was a continuity problem. J. McGinnis is using a voltage meter for testing. Discussion ensued regarding solutions such as adding more panels, re-angle solar panels, and adding a panel to a rack that can be adjusted seasonally.

R. Squire moved and S. Jones seconded to accept the Water Operator's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0

### **Fire Chief's Report:**

Monthly fire report was reviewed by S. Hazelton who noted that they have completed 14 calls so far this year. S. Jones moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Water Manger's Report (Gaiotti)**

R. Gaiotti's report covered: new well update, planning loan amendment, leak detected on Dorset Hollow Road which may be a multi-user line, water re-allocation for H. N. Williams approved and water operations firm responses (Abtech).

S. Jones moved and R. Squire seconded to accept the Water Manager's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **DFD Finance & Manager's Report**

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial reports for DFD reviewing monetary positions for water and fire departments. R. Squire moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the Fire Department & Water Company financials as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- Quigley Site Visit Requested ~ F. Parent has requested a site visit. Concern was expressed about digging between the pipe and the septic system and what options are available. Discussion ensued regarding water mains, upgrading, sizes and locations with G. Kepler noting that the Water Company was not at that place in the upgrading process yet.

- Fire Department Applications ~ it was recommended that personnel paperwork be filed in a locked cabinet.
- A thank you note is to be sent to the Equinox Terrace for their donation for the water pumping done by the firefighters.
- R. Gaiotti asked that the Board be cognizant of AOT's plans for Route 30 in the near future and what is necessary for the water system to move forward in tandem with the AOT. Capital planning was mentioned with regard to thinking about the possibility of instituting a fire protection fee if upgraded main lines can handle fire hydrants (Manchester has recently voted this in).
- It was the consensus of the DFD Board to approve the accounts payable warrant as presented.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Dorset Fire District #1

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Regular Meeting X

Special Meeting     

**(Please Print)**

Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
BOB FAESY	PO Box 817, Dorset		
Nancy Faesy	" "	Self	
GREG KEPLER		DFD #1	Yes
Jim McGinnes	PO Box 731	DORSET FIRE DIST	Yes