



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

August 12, 2019

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Abbott de Rham, Lee Fox, Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Absent:

Others Present: Justine Cook, Don Carse

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

Approval of June & July Minutes

On page 3 under Old Business, R. Squire noted a typo ~ “it’s” should be changed to “its” in the motion. R. Squire moved and L. Fox seconded to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion carried 4-0 (A. de Rham abstained).

D. Carse clarified that on page 2 of the July 8, 2019 minutes under the heading of *Carse Fence Review*, he did not state unequivocally that the fence was located on his property as that would require survey maps to know property lines definitively.

M. McWayne moved and A. de Rham seconded to clarify the language in the July 8, 2019 motion listed on page 2 of the minutes to be: “to approve the pressure treated stockade fence as proposed and described at tonight’s DFD meeting *to be installed tight against the existing split rail fence which may or may not be on the actual property line* with the good side to the firehouse. Maintenance to be the responsibility of the homeowner of 2804 Route 30 – currently Don & Barbara Carse.” The July 8, 2019 minutes were approved with the clarification by the motion above. Motion carried 5-0.

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Carse inquired about the fence for the fuel tank at the back of the firehouse property and S. Hazelton responded that he has requested pricing for the job, but has not received the estimate.

Engineer's Report (Kepler)

In G. Kepler's absence, R. Gaiotti reviewed G. Kepler's written report going over:

- The status of the gravel well project and the pertinent dates
- Leak investigations ~ Matchpoint has located three leaks & three suspected leaks ~ lowering the nighttime gallons per minute usage. Discussion took place with J. Cook about the value of leak detection, daytime use, spring performance, and pressurization of the system.
- A. de Rham asked that Simon Operations measure the weir and check the springhouses.
- The draft letter to the State updating status on the PTO has been deferred.

A. de Rham moved and L. Fox seconded to accept the Engineer's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Manager's & Water Operator's Reports (Gaiotti)

- Planning Loan reimbursement has been received and conversation with Ashley about construction permit has taken place.
- A. de Rham asked about curb stop locations and R. Gaiotti responded that most have been found, but many are non-operational.
- It was suggested that the atmospheric valve be replaced.
- B. Weiss asked about state funding versus municipal bond and R. Gaiotti was not sure yet, but noted that good will with the State is important.

L. Fox moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the Water Manager's & Water Operator's reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief's Report:

S. Hazelton gave the monthly report for the Fire Department listing the calls and locations for the month of fire events. It was noted by S. Hazelton that 911 addresses should be assigned/displayed by the other houses near 3341 Route 30.

It was reported that the PTO was not added to the transmission of the new fire truck and completion should be within 6-8 weeks. It was recommended that the brush truck be put up for bid or offers from interested parties. Discussion ensued about the sale of the brush truck and fire truck with regard to online listing locations such as Firetek, VLCT and Ebay Motors and lowering the price

on the fire truck. M. McWayne moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

DFD Finance & Manager's Report

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial reports for DFD.

- There are eleven delinquent water accounts and new bills will be sent out soon for the first quarter.
- Bonnie of Mudgett (auditing company) has requested that the Board make a decision to extend the \$50,000 loan for a longer term than one year or forgive the amount. Discussion included the responsibility to repay the loan, doing so over a three-year term, waiting three years until after the well is done, having a vote to forgive the loan at the next annual meeting, repay the loan in installments, or include the loan in the bond. A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to extend the \$50,000 loan for one year as a short-term debt with the ability to pay or forgive early. Motion carried 5-0.
- A. de Rham mentioned that the Firehouse Maintenance line item in the budget was over spent already and S. Hazelton replied that some of the repairs were supposed to be in last year's budget, but the invoices were not sent in time.

R. Squire moved and L. Fox seconded to approve the Finance Report & Manager's Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

- DFD Audit (Squire) ~ the Board reviewed the audit and discussed the way depreciation is handled.
- Appraisal of Old Firehouse ~ J. Cook asked if the old firehouse could be used as a Water District office to house files, maps and for Simon Operations. B. Weiss responded that this use would require an investment to fix the building. There were two investors who were interested in the property, but backed out due to no septic system. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a septic system for this property and R. Gaiotti is to contact F. Parente to finish a review of septic options.

New Business

- Repayment or Forgiveness of Water Company Loan from Fire Department Discussed previously.
- Sale of Box Fan ~ R. Squire moved and L. Fox seconded to sell the box fan for \$10. Motion carried 5-0.
- Advertising Fire Trucks ~ discussed previously
- Fireman was issued a six month suspension due to unsafe driving practices, but he decided to resign instead.

- S. Hazelton is to call Baker Burner Service to schedule a burner maintenance.
- Mixed gas was put into the six wheeler which then had to be pumped.
- Firehouse bathroom leaks are to be repaired.

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Dorset Fire District #1

Date 8/12/19

Regular Meeting X
 Special Meeting

(Please Print) Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
Justine Cook	P.O. Box 536, Dorset, VT	self	No
DON CARSE	P.O. Box 573, Dorset, VT	self	Yes
Shawn Hazelton	433 Pauls way	Chief	Yes