



# DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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## DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

**September 9, 2019**

**Present:** Milt McWayne, Roger Squire (Vice Chair), Abbott de Rham, Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

**Absent:** Ben Weiss, Lee Fox

**Others Present:** Greg Kepler (Engineer), Andy Longacre, Ginny Longacre

Roger Squire called the meeting to order at 7:21pm.

### **Approval of August Minutes**

Abbott De Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the August 12, 2019 minutes as written Motion carried 3-0.

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

G. Kepler presented the monthly engineer's report. Items included:

Gravel well status update

Leak Investigations update

HN Williams reduced allocation

Letter to DEC with update and hydrant request

R. Squire asked about "fines" and what additional development was needed for the gravel well. G. Kepler noted that the fines were sandy material that is often located near gravel banks. G. Kepler noted that Green Mountain Well and VHB plan to adjust the development process, and scale back the size of the equipment because the volume the gravel well will be working at is much lower than some of the wells that GMWD works on (200+ gpm). This additional cost is \$8-10k. Discussion ensued with regard to timing, type of air lift used, and the process.

M. McWayne moved and A. de Rham seconded to approve the additional work on the gravel well. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion ensued about leak investigations. R. Gaiotti noted that Matchpoint had corroborated 8 leaks and that 3 of the 8 leaks have been repaired. The additional 5 leaks amount to 21 gpm in water loss according to the estimates. R. Gaiotti noted that repairs to the remaining 5 leaks will take place in mid October after the fall holiday and wedding season. Discussion ensued about additional leak locations to review to try and determine where additional leaks may be located. R. Gaiotti will have water operations check on Route 30 north (2" line) and Meadow Lane.

G. Kepler noted that the letter to the State will go out soon. R. Gaiotti noted that it would be good to send it after the 5 leaks are repaired and the meter data shows the difference. In addition the gravel well will be further along, and these would be good updates to include.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to place the letter on the agenda for the November meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the Engineer's report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Water Manager/ Operations Report (Gaiotti)**

R. Gaiotti went through the month operations report. Leaks repaired, truck 511 sold, financing for the new 511 truck can be done in house, as DFD has enough funds. Discussion ensued about sale of the brush truck. A. de Rham requested to have the skid tank set up removed from the truck so that pictures could be taken of the truck and also the pump set up. A. de Rham plans to list the truck on eBay motors. It was noted that the skid tank setup has decent value.

A. de Rham moved to approve the operations report and M. McWayne seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

S. Hazelton gave the monthly report from the Fire Department. He listed the calls and locations for the month, and explained the drills and training done by the members. It was noted that the 513 had a fuel pump problem and had to be towed, this was just after the Bulldog maintenance was done. It was the consensus of the group to hold the Bulldog check and request that Bulldog cover the cost of towing the truck.

S. Hazelton noted that he is able to sell and upgrade some of the large storage air tanks. S. Hazelton noted that he would like to get cost quotes from AT&T about adding data coverage to 2 tablets that are used on the trucks.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report. Motion carried 3-0.

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

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial reports for DFD. First quarter water bills have gone out, it was a light month for water expense. Fire truck purchase: total cost of the truck is: \$339,000. DFD has already paid \$172,000 when the truck was ordered. DFD can use \$97,000 from the sinking fund, \$34,000 from the FY20 line item and the remaining \$35,000 from general fund balance. This still leaves \$150k+ to cover the remainder of the budget expense for FY20 and the Town will be sending fire tax payments in the next 6 months totaling \$179k.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to cut a check to the East Dorset Fire District from the donations that were meant for East Dorset.

It was the consensus of the board to sign monthly invoices and accounts payable, and allow the Town Manager's office to use the B. Weiss stamp to stamp checks after R. Squire had signed them.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager