



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

November 18, 2019

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

Absent: Milt McWayne,

Others Present: Greg Kepler, Nancy Faesy, Bob Faesy

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of October 2019 Minutes

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to approve the October 14, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineer's Report (Kepler)

G. Kepler reported:

- Status of Gravel Well Project ~ Source testing application was approved. Step discharge pump test (5 hrs.) was completed November 11th and the 3-day pump test was started November 18th. Estimated gallons per minutes were 15 which were lower than original estimates possibly due to gravel grain size. Board members expressed their disappointment with the low level and not being able to rescind the moratorium. It was suggested that the system be "tightened up" with regard to leaks and wasted water to help with the moratorium. Discussion about options to have additional water ensued: drilling another gravel packed well; finding a vendor who can properly develop the original rock well; installing new pipes to fix leaks/wasted water. R. Squire asked if an additional well would be able to use the current chlorination system and G. Kepler responded that was dependent upon certain factors such as water quality and if treatment is needed. B. Weiss questioned what the cost would be to get the gravel packed well complete and on line and G. Kepler noted that the three-day pump test should be finished, installation of a pump and chlorination are still to be done. It was estimated that job completion

would be about \$400,000. A. de Rham recommended researching the use of a coring rig to drill small test holes to check for “rotten rock.”

- Metering Station ~ G. Kepler reviewed the GPM numbers for day and night time. Blow off flows were activated at some properties. A. de Rham suggested a postcard be mailed to property owners who have blow off flows that would be returned to the Water Manager telling when they were turned on. Quotes and information for property meters were estimated to be approximately \$400/meter with additional plumbing costs involved (+/- \$200). Also needed is software, interface hardware, and annual software support contract (\$7,000 to \$14,000). Discussion included smart technology, initial metering for non-residential properties, and cost options.
- Project Status ~ November 14th meeting with the State to discuss status & progress on permitting additional source supply; metering; data; leak investigation; hydraulic modeling; capital improvement planning; and DWSRF funding. The State will support submitting a short Preliminary Engineer Report (PER) for the pump station/well connection project and future PER for scope of main replacement/service replacement/additional source/etc. R. Gaiotti noted that the District has been proactive which the State encourages and suggested placing all options on a list keeping in mind that the State is not keen on a second tank or hydrants as a priority, but keeping the source at the top of the list.
- A. de Rham suggested pit meters for the major branches of the water system. G. Kepler said that Match Point studied the system and three of the major branches had the most background noise ~ Route 30 North, Dorset Hollow and Route 30 South). G. Kepler will do some research on pit meters.
- Summary: move forward with three-day pump test; PER by end of December 2019 (pump station & well connection); investigate alternate vendors for rock well rehabbing; and formulate overall master plan/budget for water system over the winter.

R. Squire moved and L. Fox seconded to accept the Engineer’s report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Manager’s and Water Operator’s Report (Gaiotti)

R. Gaiotti reported:

- Moving the DFD training trailer will be discussed at the Select Board meeting tomorrow night
- Meeting with State water officials in Montpelier on November 14th. G. Kepler mentioned the capital planning & hydraulic modeling report which contains a good timeline and is to email the Board members a copy.
- Water was tested for PFAS and no traces were found.

L. Fox moved and R. Squire seconded to accept the Water Manager & Water Operator's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report

S. Hazelton gave the monthly report from the Fire Department. He read his list of the Department's calls and call locations for the month. Discussion ensued regarding the sale of the brush truck which is to be placed for sale on eBay and also placed outside the fire house with a "for sale" sign. The firehouse chimney needs a liner installed and after requesting bids, only one price was received at \$4,100 from Black Magic.

It was the consensus of the Board members to move forward with the brush truck sale and chimney.

L. Fox moved and R. Squire seconded to accept the Fire Chief's Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

DFD and Water Company Finance Report

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial reports for DFD. Delinquent water accounts are \$7,027 and fire delinquencies are \$4,398.14. Fire tax payment collected by the Town will be paid to the Fire Districts soon. A. de Rham moved and L. Fox seconded to accept the Financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Proposed Water Ordinance

R. Gaiotti noted that the proposed water ordinance is to formalize what is already in the Bylaws, but also gives more protections, abilities and operation specifics. Suggested changes to the ordinance:

- Add ~ If someone chooses to disconnect from the water system, they will continue to be charged the base connection rate.
- Clarify ~ #13 regarding ownership to curb stops/delineation point. Consult with J. Barlow

Board members are to review the ordinance and submit comments to R. Gaiotti. A Public Hearing for the final draft ordinance will be held for public comment and final approval.

Old Business

- Multi-user Service Line Upgrades & Incentives ~ R. Gaiotti explained that the State did not want to get involved in the demarcation of private lines and Water Company lines, but instead emphasize that their concern is for the health and welfare of the water district as a whole. Discussion ensued regarding multi-user lines, cost sharing, and where to start the process. The goal is to price out the project over the winter and contact water users.

New Business

- S. Hazelton noted that the Fire Department's Christmas dinner will be held on December 13th at the Dorset Field Club starting at 6:00 p.m.

Accounts Payable Warrants

It was the consensus of the Board to review invoices and sign monthly accounts payable.

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.
Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Dorset Fire District #1

Date 11 / 18 / 19

Regular Meeting X
Special Meeting _____

(Please Print) Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
Nancy Fassy	3284 Rt 30	Self	?
GREG KEPUER		DFO #1	Y.
BAR FASSY		Self.	
Shawn Hazelton	433 Pauls way Dorset	Fire	YOS