



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1 MEETING

June 11, 2018

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

Absent:

Others Present: Jane Bridges, Bill Bridges (Maple Hill Cemetery), Virginia Longacre, Andy Longacre (Maple Hill Cemetery)

B. Weiss, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. It was noted that the May 14, 2018 (Annual Meeting) minutes are approved at the next annual meeting in 2019 and will not be approved tonight.

Fire Chief's Report (Hazelton)

S. Hazelton read his report for the Department's calls for May 10th through June 19th. There were nineteen calls with a mutual aid call to a commercial structure fire in East Dorset. A. de Rham moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Operator's Report (McGinnis)

J. McGinnis stated that there were two items of importance for his report:

- Chlorinator ~ B. LaBerge has not issued a quote for solar panel installation to power the chlorinator. J. Lee of Solar Pro recommended using a propane powered generator as there are too many issues with solar in that location and/or using the generator as a backup to the solar. J. McGinnis is to meet with Tyler Electric on Friday to discuss a generator. A. de Rham felt that solar panels with a high capacity battery should be able to power the 4 watts needed for the chlorinator and it gets more complicated with a generator. B. Weiss is to call B. LaBerge about the small solar package system that he sells.

- Water demands increased to 120/125 GPM from May 22nd to June 11th causing concern. Low pressure was detected from Peace Street going north on Route 30. Leak detection with the correlator found a leak at 3977 Route 30 with a suspicion there was another leak at 3978 Route 30. J. McGinnis is to meet with a plumber tomorrow to address this leak. He expressed that similar trouble with leaks will continue more often as the service lines are in poor condition. A. de Rham mentioned using data loggers on the hydrants to monitor pressure drops. R. Gaiotti noted that starting the hydraulic study as soon as possible would be beneficial so that planning and long term resolutions can be pinpointed.

M. McWayne moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the Water Operator's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of May 7, 2018 Minutes

M. McWayne moved and S. Jones seconded to approve the May 7, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 (R. Squire & A. de Rham abstained)

DFD #1 Manager's Report (Gaiotti)

The water report included:

- Supplemental Water ~ well monitoring was accomplished with no negative impacts. Water quality testing continues.
- Site plan approval from the PC was given for the pump/control house building.
- Bond vote certification to be signed after June 7th.
- Bond anticipation financing discussions can begin
- Researching running power to metering station and possibly the reservoir
- Continued with rate table preparation
- Continued work on water operator succession plan

Discussion ensued regarding water quality, filtration, and testing. R. Gaiotti noted that there are no red flags yet with the supplemental water supply, but further testing will be done. A. de Rham suggested using dry ice and M. McWayne recommended getting samples at various levels to find a "sweet" spot. R. Gaiotti said that it was the goal to not have to treat the water, which is very expensive, and to have sufficient amounts when needed.

A. de Rham moved and S. Jones seconded to approve the DFD #1 Manager's Report of June 11, 2018 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire & Water Financials (Gaiotti)

R. Gaiotti reviewed his report:

- Water District & Fire District cash on hand. Water District's approximate net position is \$68, 113 after payment of an engineering invoice which is not shown on memo.
- Water & Fire delinquent taxes
- Water debt service fees still due
- Trial Balance report included in packet

It was suggested that a letter be sent to extremely delinquent water users warning that their water will be turned off. A. de Rham moved and S. Jones seconded to approve sending a turn off notice to extremely delinquent water users. Motion carried 5-0.

A. de Rham moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the Fire and Water Financials as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Engineer's Report

G. Kepler's report was reviewed by R. Gaiotti and a copy is available at the Dorset Town Office. It was noted that the report covers water quality issues and a committee meeting should be scheduled after more testing is done.

New Business

1. M. McWayne moved and A. de Rham seconded to accept the Design Services Agreement at \$61,000 dated May 22, 2018 with Greg Kepler as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Maple Hill Cemetery Request ~ B. Bridges stated that the cemetery uses very little water as they are only open six months during the year. The water is only for the convenience of the people tending grave sites and the pipes are drained for the winter. The Cemetery Association is asking for a reduction or cancellation of the \$400 yearly utility bill. Discussion ensued regarding setting a precedent.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to create a fee of 25% of the base utility rate for Maple Hill Cemetery where the connection is temporary and seasonal. The connection cannot be used for irrigation. S. Jones said that he thought they should not be charged at all and M. McWayne noted that the assessed fee can be forgiven, but it could be a problem in the future if there is no fee at all.

The motion was amended by A. de Rham to: to create a fee of 25% of the base rate for Maple Hill Cemetery where the connection is temporary, seasonal and serves no structure. The connection cannot be used for irrigation. M. McWayne seconded the amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to waive the utility bill fee for the Maple Hill Cemetery for the FY 19 year. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Dam Registration Program ~ a fee of \$200 is paid yearly and the dam is not more than 500,000 ft³.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. motioned by R. Squire and seconded by M. McWayne. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Dorset Fire District #1

Date 6/11/18

Regular Meeting X
 Special Meeting _____

(Please Print) Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
Jane M. Bridges	PO Box 763	WHLA	No
Bill Buelger	"	"	Yes
Virginia Longacre	2533 Route 30	self	no
ANDY LONGACRE	2533 ROUTE 30	SELF	NO
JIM MCGINNIS	PO Box 731	water operator	yes