



# DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dorset Water Co.

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## DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

**August 10, 2020**

### **2020 Annual Meeting**

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

**Others Present:** Gay Squire, Laura Bechwith, Marla Wormser, Claudia Stannard, Jordan Dickinson, Virginia Longacre, Bernie Stupski

**Zoom Participants:** Justine Cook, Michael Chase, Michael Keene, Sanfra Weiss

K. O'Toole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The 2020 Annual Meeting Warning was read as follows:

S. Hazelton moved and M. Wormser seconded to waive the reading of the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes and accept them as presented in the report. Motion carried unanimously.

1. B. Weiss reviewed the DFD Prudential Committee Annual Presentation explaining the Fire Department's budget and year in review summary. It was noted that two fire vehicles were sold and one new truck purchased along with the purchase of state-of-the-art Jaws of Life. The firehouse parking lot was paved and three new firefighter applications have been received. The Water Company's budget and year in review summary was also discussed. B. Weiss noted the water budget was increased by three percent, the continuation of leak fixing, replacement of multi-user lines,

permitting of the gravel packed well, adoption of a Water Ordinance and the near completion of the PER for future projects were part of the presentation. Topics discussed:

- The reservoir metering station is instrumental in leak detection and the night time water figure has gone from 60 GPM to 40 GPM. Leak detection will continue to be worked on.
  - Two multi-user lines have been replaced and acquired with plans to expand replacement of multi-user lines.
  - The gravel packed well is now permitted and the two wells that were dug can be temporarily connected to the water system in emergencies.
  - The Water Ordinance was adopted to make operations and maintenance simpler for both the Board and customers. The Ordinance is on the website – [www.dorsetfiredistrict.org](http://www.dorsetfiredistrict.org)
  - The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) is a comprehensive report on the water system which includes phased plans for improvements. Discussion ensued regarding Phase 1 projects and funding.
  - J. Gribble demonstrated the new Jaws of Life equipment.
2. K. O'Toole pointed out the Fire Department's budget on page 9 of the DFD report. L. Beckwith moved and G. Squire seconded to approve the Fire Department budget as presented at \$183,700. R. Squire pointed out that the budget has a modest increase due to insurance, equipment maintenance and the continuation of a sinking fund. Motion carried unanimously.
3. K. O'Toole pointed out the Water Company's budget on page 11 of the DFD report. J. Dickinson moved and G. Squire seconded to approve the Water Company budget as presented at \$138,500. J. Cook questioned the amount paid to the engineer, G. Kepler, and R. Gaiotti explained it is a complicated answer because G. Kepler's invoice includes payments to other entities. J. Cook stated that it was important to make use of bid opportunities and R. Gaiotti noted that it was not always in the best interest of the hiring organization to take the lowest bidder as there are many factors to consider. Motion carried unanimously.
4. S. Hazelton moved and G. Longacre seconded to authorize the Prudential Committee to sell the former District firehouse land and building located at 0 Route 30 in Dorset Village for the amount of \$10,000. L. Beckwith mentioned the changing values of Dorset property and B. Weiss responded that the building was essentially a liability (compromised building, no

septic or water, setbacks). J. Cook suggested repairing the building to be used as an archive for DFD records. R. Gaiotti noted that documentation for the DFD is now being housed at the Town office. Motion passed by majority (J. Cook rejected motion)

5. S. Hazelton moved and G. Squire seconded to elect A. de Rham and B. Weiss to one-year positions and R. Squire to a three-year position on the Prudential Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

6. G. Squire nominated L. Fox for a one-year Treasurer position on the Prudential Committee. S. Hazelton moved and G. Squire seconded to elect for one-year positions: R. Squire as Clerk, L. Fox as Treasurer & Collector of Delinquent Taxes and K. O'Toole as Moderator. Motion carried unanimously.

7. No other business came before the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by motion of L. Beckwith and second by J. Dickinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

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Date 8 / 10 / 20

Regular Meeting       

Special Meeting X

**(Please Print)**

Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes/No)
GAY SQUIRE	PO Box 798 DORSET	self	no
Laura Beckwith	PO Box 262 Dorset	self	no.
Marla Wormser	PO Box 1009 Dorset	self	no
Shawn Hazelton	433 Pauls way Dorset	fire chief	yes
Claudia Starnwood	PO Box 73 Dorset	Self	NO
Jordan Dickinson	20 Maple Hill Ln, Dorset	self.	NO
Virginia Longrese	2533 Route 30	self	no