



# DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Dorset Water Co.

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## **DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1 MEETING** **May 13, 2019 ~ Annual Meeting**

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

Others Present: Pauline de Laszlo, Nancy Faesy, Bob Faesy, Ginny Longacre, Andy Longacre, Gay Squire, Bob Van Degna, Justine Cook, Henry Chandler, Lee Fox, Betty Hazelton, Rosalie Fox, Sanfra Weiss

Kevin O'Toole, Moderator, opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. It was noted that K. O'Toole was appointed by the Board to be Moderator for tonight's meeting and the meeting was warned and notification was given to transact the business of the Dorset Fire District #1 & Prudential Committee.

**1. Reading of the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting held on May 13, 2018 and act upon the same.**

Bob Faesy moved and Gay Squire seconded to approve the May 13, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**2. To hear reports of the Officers of the Fire Department and the Prudential Committee.**

L. Fox moved and H. Chandler seconded to hear the reports of the Officers of the Fire Department and the Prudential Committee. Motion carried.

R. Gaiotti informed the public that a Dorset Fire District #1 Annual Report 2019 was available on the side table and includes the fire and water budgets. The fire budget has been level funded from last year and is equalized with the East Dorset Fire District to be included on the Town tax bill.

S. Hazelton informed the attendees that the new fire truck cab and chassis are complete and delivery should be sometime in June or July. B. Weiss noted that two trucks will be sold (oldest pumper & a brush truck) which will cover the majority of the new truck costs.

The water budget is slightly higher, but still lower than Arlington and East Dorset. The water bill is based on the number of bedrooms for residential properties and there are numerous criteria for commercial buildings.

Ben Weiss presented a slideshow outlining:

- FY2020 Fire Budget
- Update on New Fire Truck
- FY2020 Water Budget
- Accomplishments
- Completion of the Metering Station
- April 2019 Meter Data
- New Chlorinator with Solar Power
- Gravel Pack Well Construction
- System Wide Leak Analysis
- Hired Firm for Water Operations ~ Simon Operations Services (SOS)
- Hydraulic Modeling of System
- Bond Projects Summary
- Water Issues
- Aging Service Lines
- Multi-User Service Lines
- Non-Functional Fire Hydrants
- Low Pressure Areas
- Discussion of Future Directions
- Prudential Committee's Priorities
- Meter All Water Users
- System-Wide Service Line Replacement
- Extend Mains to Replace Multi-user Lines
- Address Low Flow Areas
- Replace All Water Mains
- East Side Water Storage
- Extend System to Raptor Lane
- Summary of Recommendations

B. Weiss stated that the Prudential Committee priorities are: potable water, lifting the State moratorium, a fair cost structure, and fire safety at a reasonable cost.

The Board's recommendations for future projects are:

1. Meter all homes & businesses
2. Pursue service line leaks with mapping & detection
3. Build east-side storage & new water main to Church Street

This presentation and more information is available on the Fire District's website: [www.dorsetfiredistrict.org](http://www.dorsetfiredistrict.org).

**3. To act upon the proposed budget for the Fire Department for the Fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and to authorize the Prudential Committee of the Fire District to set the tax rate following the publication of the Grand List.**

Henry Chandler moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the FY20 Fire Department budget as presented at \$179,650. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. To act upon the proposed budget for the Water Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and authorize the Prudential Committee to set the rates for water users.**

Lee Fox moved and Ginny Longacre seconded to approve the FY20 Water District budget as presented at \$133,500. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. To elect members of the Prudential Committee, one member to a three-year term and two members to one-year terms.**

**One-year terms:** Shawn Hazelton moved and Nancy Faesy seconded to nominate Abbott de Rham and Ben Weiss, each to a one-year term on the Prudential Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Three-year term:** G. Squire moved and Justin Cook seconded to nominate Lee Fox to a three-year term on the Prudential Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes & Moderator:** Gay Squire moved and Lee Fox seconded to nominate Nancy Aversano as Clerk, Roger Squire as Treasurer, Roger Squire as Collector of Taxes and Kevin O'Toole as Moderator of the Prudential Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**To transact any other business to properly come before the meeting.**

Rosalie Fox thanked the Prudential Committee for the wonderful presentation and all their diligent work for the Water Company and Fire District.

Ginny Longacre extended thanks to Jim McGinnis for all his dedication and hard work over the years to the Dorset Fire District #1.

Shawn Hazelton moved and Sanfra Weiss seconded to adjourn the Dorset Fire District #1 Annual Meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano