

Dorset Fire District #1 Prudential Committee Meeting

Dorset Firehouse: Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:30pm

ATTENDING

Jean Kingston, Milton McWayne, Ben Weiss, Alan Casey, Jim McGinnis
Linda Sullivan, Gay Squire, Roger Squire, Bill Calfee, Jack Stannard, Denise Tuttle

RESIGNATION

Jean Kingston presented and read her letter of resignation, effective immediately.

NO QUORUM

Without a quorum, approval of the minutes of the April meeting and acceptance of the reports from the fire chief and water operator will be postponed until the June meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Alan Casey gave his monthly report:

- 4/13: Fire alarm at 1529 Dorset West Rd.
- 4/17: CO alarm at 156 Twin Willows Lane
- 4/17: Wildland fire at 100 Mountain View Trail, Danby
- 4/19: Standby in station for Manchester Fire Dept.
- The burn ban has been lifted

WATER COMPANY REPORT

Jim McGinnis presented his report of the status of the water system (a copy of his report is attached).

- Barrow's House curb-stop was filled with dirt. Has been unplugged, but needs a cap. Barrow's House maintenance man has been informed and work needs to be done as a condition of their recent permit.
- Water asset management grant was submitted to state of VT on April 29th.
- Reservoir level is fine, but situation could change when trees leaf-out.
- Bill Calfee reported missing curb-stop cover in front of Frank Molgano's old place. Jim will check.

OLD BUSINESS

Alan Casey reported:

- An agreement for dry hydrant installation has signed with one Dorset land owner. The location is on Peace St., at Mettowee River near Cutler Park.
- Dorset 8th grade will hold a car wash at the fire station.

NEW BUSINESS

- Alan Casey reported he is looking for trailer to be pulled by the brush truck. A double-axle trailer is available in Rutland for \$3200 – 7'x14' or 6'5" x 14'. Casey stated the amount is within his budget. Milt McWayne advised he wait.
- Jack Towsley has agreed to be moderator at next week's annual meeting.
- \$9645 has been allocated for engineering study.

- A discussion ensued about options for supplementing the water supply, including adding springs and drilling a well. Jack Stannard suggested that existing wells in the district could be used for a feasibility test for drilling a well to supplement the system.
- A discussion ensued about installing meters on the water system. Denise Tuttle reported that grants are available. Bill Calfee reported that meters with remote reading capabilities are available for around \$300. The committee expressed interest in investigating water meters.
- Jim McGinnis needs data in order to pursue delinquent taxpayers. Ben Weiss volunteered to help him with data.

MEETING ADJOURNED

With no further business to discuss, Chairman McWayne adjourned the meeting.

May 1, 2016, 2016

To: Dorset Fire District #1

Re: Report on Status of Dorset Water

This report covers the period from April 11 May 1, 2016.

Water Test:

The monthly Coliform bacteria test for April was taken and submitted to Endyne Labs on 4/20/2016 and we passed.

Chlorinator: The Chlorinator is functioning without any issues.

Reservoir Building: The building remains tight.

Spring Houses: The buildings remain tight.

Reservoir Overflow System: Is functioning well.

Reservoir Bypass System: The reservoir bypass system is operating and functioning properly. I will have Rob Leary come and make some minor repairs before the next meeting.

Needed Maintenance on the System

Water Leak at 3009 Route 30 has to be repaired. It is under Route 30 and is probably in the goose neck off the water main.

Fire Hydrant #9 by 2845 Rt 30 is leaking and this probably caused after being struck by a vehicle or snow plow. We opened it up on August 21, 2014 and found that the leak in under Rt 30, also the lower barrel of the hydrant was severely cracked from the impact of whatever hit it.

Fire Hydrant 11A, the last Hydrant on Route 30 has a leaking seal at the base of the barrel. However the Gate Valve controlling water to the hydrant is shut off, so there is no leak.

Fire Hydrant 16, the first hydrant on West Rd after Church St heading South. The Hydrant valve does not hold. However, the gate valve for that hydrant holds. There is no water going to that hydrant now so there is no leak.

Barrows House: Saw, Kevin of Barrows House, curb stop was dug out and cleaned out. However they did not put a curb stop cover on it. The pipe is covered by a plastic bottle tapped over it. Told Kevin he needed to put the proper metal cover on it. Told him Webbs in Bennington has it or Ferguson's in Rutland has it. As of May 1, 2016, it has not been done..

179 Hollow Rd had a loud sound on her outside faucet in October and early November. This noise has gotten a lot quieter. Something has changed. A pressure test on the line is necessary.

Miscellaneous

Returned from Vacation on April 20. Restarted working on the Asset Management Grant with Greg Kelper & Rob Giotti. Grant was submitted on April 29, 2016 at 2:30 PM and receipt of it was acknowledged at 2:40 PM. We asked for the full amount of \$20,000.00. Priority was given to obtaining additional sources of water on the Asset Management Grant proposal.

Mapping of the Dorset System

Curb Stop Mapping – I have mapped a total of 35 curb stops.

Spring Production is approximately 275 to 285 GPM. All springs are producing as normal.

Respectively submitted
Jim McGinnis
Water Operator