

Dorset Fire District No. 1
Regular Meeting of the Prudential Committee

May 3, 2021 at 7pm

In attendance: Ben Weiss, Lee Fox, Abbott de Rham, Milt McWayne, Patrick McGuire, Cindy Loudenslager, Ginny Longacre, Justine Cook, Shawn Hazelton, Rob Gaiotti, Greg Kepler

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

April 12th Minutes:

Lee Fox noted that the ESA approved in April was the Step II ESA, not Step III as written in the minutes. Lee Fox moved and Ben Weiss seconded to approve the minutes as amended, motion passed 3-0.

Annual Meeting Preparation:

Ben Weiss reviewed the Fire District Annual Report document which has the FY22 Water and Fire Budgets as well as general updates for the Fire District from 2020. B. Weiss also noted that there were Board members with expiring terms that were not continuing service: Milt McWayne and Abbott de Rham. Fortunately Patrick McGuire and Cindy Loudenslager are interested in filling the open board seats. Nominations to be on board would be needed at the floor meeting on May 10th. The Annual Meeting will be held in person at the Fire House and via Zoom. Kevin O'Toole will moderate the meeting. A mailchimp update will be sent out with Annual Meeting agenda and info.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Hazelton gave the monthly report of the Fire Department for April. There was a structure fire on Danby Mountain Road and access was tight, the large fire truck had to be pulled back on the road. Other calls included stand by calls and fire alarms. Lee Fox moved and Milt McWayne seconded to approve the Fire Chief's report, motion passed 4-0.

Water Manager's Report:

R. Gaiotti gave the monthly water operations/manager's report. He noted work done on pressure testing the spring collection piping in preparation of the safe yield study walk through. It was noted that the line from the weir to the reservoir has a small leak, but it would not make sense to repair it due access issues and the leak being very small. Next step will be to install new meters at the reservoir to track flows. Service Line easements have been getting emailed to water users, so far around 30 had been sent out and 5 have been signed. R. Gaiotti expects that around 140 service lines would be eligible and are included in the design. Most users haven't had any problems with the easement language, and many part time residents have said they will sign the easement when the return to Dorset in the late spring. Lee Fox moved and Abbott de Rham seconded to approve the Water Manager's Report, motion passed 4-0.

Engineer's Report:

R. Gaiotti gave a brief overview of the Archeological Resource Assessment recently done on the service line project area. Around 47 properties have been noted as needing phase 1B testing, which could impact the project timeline the eligibility for DWSRF subsidy. Discussion ensued about NEPA review and the ARA portion of the review and the implications for the project. Otter Creek and Hartgen who performed the ARA study will meet soon to discuss options for directional drilling and replacing water lines in the same trench as a way to avoid impacts and lower the amount of phase 1B work that will be needed. Justine Cook inquired about the process and methodology for the ARA work. Further discussion ensued with regard to some of the ARA locations and the possibility of splitting the phase 1B properties out for the work to be done without DWSRF funding or in a different cycle so the current project wouldn't be delayed and potentially lose subsidy. Greg Kepler answered questions and gave additional updates on the spring yield study and the well development work to be done by SB Church in May/June. Lee Fox moved and Abbott de Rham seconded to approve the Engineer's Report as presented, motion passed 4-0.

Financials:

R. Gaiotti gave the monthly financial reporting update to the Board. Water Division has a reimbursement request for the planning loans in process and should see \$29,000 soon. Fairly quiet month for both Water and Fire Division expenses. The truck sinking fund line item has been transferred to the truck sinking fund account for FY21, \$40,000. Abbott de Rham moved and Milt McWayned seconded to approve the finance report, motion passed 4-0

There being no further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager