



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT # 1 PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2017

Board Members: B. Weiss, Chair, R. Squire, S. Jones

Absent: A. de Rham, M. McWayne

Also Present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), S. Hazleton (Fire Chief), G. Kepler (Engineer), J. McGinnis (Water Operator), Bob & Joan Menson, Diana Green, Luanne Hardy,

B. Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Minutes:

R. Squire moved and S. Jones seconded to remove the word "special" from the title of the minutes and approve the remainder of the minutes as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire & Water Finance Reports:

R. Gaiotti gave an update with regard to financials for the Fire Department and Water Division. He noted that the Water Division had received the \$20,000 in grant funds back from the State. Discussion ensued about water rates, billing and delinquent taxes.

R. Squire moved and S. Jone seconded to move Water Division billing to quarterly billing. Motion approved 3-0.

Water Operator Report:

J. McGinnis reported that a leak at 249 Meadow Lane is located somewhere on a long services line. He noted that connection is likely in the middle of Meadow Lane. B. Weiss asked about mapping leaking old service lines and the status. J. McGinnis noted that this is done as leaks come up and that curb stops continue to be mapped with a total of 46 currently mapped. J. McGinnis noted that 1/3rd of all curb stops are not functional. He also stated that the new grant in 2017 will help to locate many of these service lines, but that 5-10% of the lines will take longer to map.

S. Jones moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the Water Operator's Report. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief's Report:

S. Hazelton noted that number of calls over the last month with highlights:

- Fire at Dorset Inn, an exhaust fan in the attic had caught fire and the Department was able to handle it.
- Fire Alarm calls at: 88 Windward South, 94 Goodwood Lane, and 2924 Morse Hill Road (1st false alarm under the penalty rule).
- Car accident in Danby, mutual aid
- Dorset Quarry call for lift assist

R. Squire moved and S. Jones seconded to approve the Fire Chief's Report. Motion carried 3-0.

Water Committee:

B. Weiss opened the discussion with Water Division items that are being worked on. Discussion ensued about the Planning Loan application. The Board approved signing the Planning Loan Application signature page by consensus.

Additional discussion covered the status of the supplemental water source. R. Gaiotti reported that MOU's have been signed and draft easements have been created and sent to the State for review. Once this is done, R. Gaiotti and G. Kepler will approach owners with the easements. R. Gaiotti noted that G. Kepler is working to comprise a timeline for the supplemental water process that will make it easier to understand the many steps and how long it should take to complete.

R. Squire asked about the concept of painting the Church Street/ Prentiss Pond hydrant back to red as it can handle sufficient fire flows to meet specs. Discussion ensued about having ISO conduct a flow test on that hydrant. R. Gaiotti noted that S. Hazleton should prepare the Departments to test rural drafting as well. B. Weiss stated that he would send the ISO contact information to S. Hazleton. It was the consensus of the Board to have S. Hazelton send a letter to ISO requesting a flow test of the Church Street hydrant.

Discussion then ensued about the State Operating Permit for the Water Division. DFD must respond to Pat Smart of the State Operations division with regard to recent communication. G. Kepler suggested that some of the dates on the permit should be requested to be moved back as he envisioned that they were too aggressive. B. Weiss stated that DFD would send an email back to the State to make these requests relative to the permit to operate.

Further discussion was had about a letter from Chris Brooks and the ability for other users to drop off the system and the effect that will have on system resources. Discussion ensued about minimum payments that will continue after a user has left the system.

B. Weiss brought up the construction loan process. R. Squire asked about long service lines and how those will be treated under the loan repayment process. Discussion ensued about pro-rating extra-long service lines vs. extending mains to meet the service areas and incorporate shorter service lines. G. Kepler and J. McGinnis noted that pit meters could be put in on some of the longer lines and that problems could be dealt with when they arise. All depending up on the larger size and scope of the construction projects that DFD tackles.

With no further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager

For 7/10/17 MINUTES

Ben & Abbott,

I wanted to let you know that on 06/21/17 we had a well drilled on our property at 3039 Rt30, Dorset. 40 gpm! With that said, we will be dropping off of the town water system. What do we need to do to make sure we do this correctly?

Chris

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