

**Special Meeting of the Dorset Fire District #1 Prudential Committee**

**Monday August 21, 2017**

**Dorset Firehouse**

In attendance: Ben Weiss, Roger Squire, Steve Jones, Milton McWayne

Also present: Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Ben Weiss opened the meeting at 7:02pm

First order of business was to review the memo received from attorney Jim Barlow with regard to water system disconnections. Options laid out were noted as:

An ordinance to restrict disconnections from the water system under certain conditions approved by the Prudential Committee;

A bylaw change requiring a special annual meeting to restrict users from disconnecting from the water system;

Discussion ensued about the positives and negatives of each approach. Roger Squire made reference to the Ordinance from the Town of Waitsfield that would not allow for wells to be drilled in the water service district area. Further discussion ensued about holding public meetings and keeping the process open for public discussion and input.

**Roger Squire moved and Steve Jones seconded that the Fire District should move forward to pursue either a bylaw change or ordinance to address water system disconnections.** Discussion ensued about the best way to get information out there and the timing of the public hearings and ultimate vote by the District to change the bylaw or adopt an ordinance. **Motion passed: 4-0.**

**Roger Squire moved and Milton McWayne seconded to make certain that the process toward adopting a bylaw change or new ordinance would go through a public hearing process. Motion passed 4-0.**

Further discussion ensued about the bylaw change vs. ordinance and making sure that there were not conflicts or competing documents. It was the consensus of the Board to have attorney Jim Barlow prepare information about both options and come up with bylaw change language that would address the problem of users disconnecting from the water system.

Milton McWayne moved and Roger Squire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager