

Dorset Fire District #1
Prudential Committee Meeting
October 10, 2016

Members Present: Ben Weiss, Abbott deRham, Roger Squire,
Members Absent: Milt McWayne, Mark Putnam
Also Present: Jim McGinnis (Dorset Water District), Alan Casey (Fire
Chief), Shawn Hazelton, Joe Clark, Justine Cook, Jim
Hand

B. Weiss opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of September Minutes

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to approve the September 12, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Potential Solar Project on Firehouse (Jim Hand)

J. Hand presented a solar panel proposal whereby they would lease roof space for a solar array installation on the Dorset Fire House. The installation and management for seven years would be without cost to the Fire District and credit toward their electric bill would be received. After seven years, the District has the opportunity to purchase the solar array at a reduced, appraised price. Discussion covered: benefits, size of panels, availability of parts in the future, number of panels, engineering reports, warranty, how installed, snow and contract.

Fire Chief Ballot Counting

A. Casey cited the Bylaws noting that that the Prudential Committee shall appoint the Fire Chief and two Assistants annually which can be based on the recommendations of the Fire Department members. R. Squire counted the ballots as follows:

Fire Chief	4	Colin Stabile
	4	Shawn Hazelton
1 st Assistant Chief	4	Joe Clark
	4	Colin Stabile
2 nd Assistant Chief	7	Joe Clark
	1	Shawn Hazelton

It was the consensus of the Board members to have an Executive Session at the next meeting to discuss the appointments.

Fire Chief's Report

- 09/14/2016 ~ Motor Vehicle Accident – 2808 Mad Tom Road, East Dorset
- 09/17/2016 ~ Car fire – 84 Pleasant Street, East Dorset
- 09/23/2016 ~ Fire Alarm – Dorset Field Club – smoke from candle
- 09/26/2016 ~ Fire Alarm – Marble West Inn – microwave
- 09/29/2016 ~ Fire Alarm – 379 Red Tail Lane – unknown
- 10/07/2016 ~ Fire Alarm – Barrows House – 59-01 cancelled less than 5 minutes

A. Casey reported on the bid prices for fuel oil and on road fuel:

1. Marcell ~ Fuel oil was \$0.30 over rack. Kerosene was \$2.30 plus \$0.30 and gasoline was \$0.30 over rack
2. Dorr ~ Fuel oil was \$0.55 over rack. Diesel and gasoline was \$0.25 over rack. (Fuel oil as of 10/06/2016 was \$1.97 per gallon.)

It was noted that these companies are quoting different racks as Marcell uses facilities in Canada and Dorr uses Albany, NY. B. Weiss asked A. Casey to discuss pricing with R. Gaiotti.

A. Casey is checking into pricing for replacement batteries versus purchasing new flashlights to see which is more economical. The phone system on #512 needs repair and repairs are scheduled for tomorrow. A. de Rham stated that he was disappointed to see the six wheeler and trailer left outside in the weather instead of stored inside.

Water Operator's Report

J. McGinnis presented his written report covering: water testing, chlorinator, reservoir building, spring houses, reservoir overflow system, reservoir bypass system, reservoir levels, leak detection, leak status, deferred maintenance, disconnections, needed maintenance on the system, asset management grant pipe locator, mapping of the Dorset system and spring production.

J. McGinnis noted that the reservoir was down 70-72 inches with no rain forecasted and suggested that the system be shut down between 12 midnight to 6:00 a.m. Discussion of the Barrows House leaks took place with the decision to have B. Weiss write a letter to them about fixing the leaks. R. Squire recommended that the letter be hand delivered with J. McGinnis in attendance. The Board discussed the problems with turning off the water at night and notification of the consumers. B. Weiss is to write a letter to email to the consumers about turning off the water until the reservoir level can be maintained and asking them to conserve water all the time. Contingency plans could be to truck tankers with water into the system or run a hose from rock weep sites into

the reservoir. Discussion ensued regarding unsuitable drinking water, boil orders, testing, water quality, and feasibility of trucking water.

The Quigley request to install a bathroom in their barn and move water main lines was discussed by the members. It was recommended that proposed water main work be done to municipal and State standards and a stipulation implemented that, if the barn becomes a living space at any time, they would have to come before the Board for further approval.

A. de Rham moved and R. Squire seconded to have a representative of Long Trail Engineering attend the next Fire District meeting in November to further discuss the Quigley proposal. Motion carried 3-0.

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to continue billing properties for water connections, even if not being used, until they are formally disconnected from the water main and inspected by J. McGinnis. Motion carried 3-0.

A. de Rham requested that J. McGinnis investigate the procedures for conducting a census, prices and changes allowed.

R. Squire is to talk to Helen Melhado regarding the Melhado repair bill.

Treasurer's Report

Report was reviewed and it was the consensus of the Board members to sign the warrants for accounts payable as presented.

Water Study Report

Discussion ensued regarding the three potential locations for new sources of water with A. de Rham reporting that all three could have possible good rock or gravel wells. The location closest to the system is on private property and discussions need to be had about permissions, agreements and compensation. A. de Rham noted that once J. McGinnis is trained with the pipe locator, water mains are to be traced and marked, Paul Grenieder will map the system.

DFD Audit Proposals

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to award the contract to Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P. C. for auditing services for the Dorset Fire District #1. Motion carried 3-0. A. de Rham suggested that an audit can be done every other year. R. Squire is to write a letter of acceptance to Mudgett and coordinate with R. Gaiotti about the audit work to be done.

Old Business

- A. de Rham will continue to research the lawn mowing quotes
- R. Gaiotti – trench box quotes

New Business

- M. McWayne has been delegated to take the lead on the fire house cleanup. A. de Rham stated that there has to be a pride of ownership in taking care of the facility.
- M. Putnam has been delegated to come up with a strategy to improve the ISO rating and work with the new Fire Chief to do so.
- It was suggested that the new census be sent out before January 1st and that random audits be done.
- Check to see if directors and operators insurance is included on the Fire District's policy

R. Squire moved and A. de Rham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m.
Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nancy Aversano

Dorset Fire District #1

Date 10/10/16

Regular Meeting X

Special Meeting

(Please Print)

Testifying

Name	Mailing Address	Representing	(Yes or No)
Jimi Hand	Box 1204 Manchester Ct. VT. 05255	Hunter + Hand Solar LLC	yes
JUSTINE COOK	Box 536, Dorset, VT	—	no