



# DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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## DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

**November 9, 2020**

**(Via Zoom Call)**

**Present:** Ben Weiss, Chairman, Abbott de Rham, Roger Squire, Lee Fox, Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief).

**Absent:**

**Others Present:** Greg Kepler, Robert Clark, Andy & Ginny Longacre

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **Approval of August Minutes**

Chief Hazleton noted that the October minutes should state that Joe Clark was nominated to be 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief and Jacob Gribble for 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. Lee Fox moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the minutes as amended, motion passed 4-0.

### **Otter Creek Engineering Report:**

Robert Clark gave a brief report of the status of the preliminary design for the service line replacement project. He noted that the plans are roughly 75% complete and on track for the December 1<sup>st</sup> submittal to the state. He noted around 90 responses had come back from users, a very good response rate indeed. Discussion ensued about assuring the 12/1 date will be met and possible next steps.

### **Engineer's Report:**

Greg Kepler presented the monthly engineer's report. G. Kepler had spent time further researching the well and possible vendors for work on the gravel or bedrock well. RB Church from Connecticut had been the main vendor that he had conversations with. Discussion ensued about options and methodology for

trying to get a higher yield from the gravel well or trying to resurrect the bedrock well. Additional discussion was had about safe yield estimates and the technical review process that the State will require for DFD to prove the safe yield estimate for the current springs. It was the consensus of the Board to wait to pursue any options laid out by RB Church until spring 2021 at the earliest. Lee Fox moved and Abbott de Rham seconded to approve the engineer's report, motion passed 4-0.

#### **Water Manger's Report:**

- R. Gaiotti gave the monthly operations report as noted:
- Quigley work planned
- Service calls from a few customers
- Possible leak on South Route 30
- OCE has worked hard on site work to date.

#### **Fire Chief's Report**

Chief Hazleton gave the monthly report for the Fire Department activities. He noted the calls for the month and the work done by the members. He also noted that the department now has 14 members in total, having gained a handful of new members in recent months. He thanked the board for allowing for new gear to be ordered for the new members.

#### **Water/ Fire Financials:**

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly financial information for Water & Fire Divisions. Fire continues to be in a strong position, and Water will need to look at cash flow moving forward to fund the design work being done by Otter Creek.

Lee Fox moved and Roger Squire seconded to approve the monthly financials, motion passed 4-0.

#### **Executive Session: Personnel:**

A. de Rham moved and R. Squire seconded to enter into executive session to discuss the Fire Department Officer appointments at 8:35pm. At 8:40pm the Board exited executive session. A. de Rham moved and Lee Fox seconded to approve the slate of Fire Department Officers as presented, motion passed 4-0.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager