



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

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Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

November 19, 2018

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Steve Jones, Abbott de Rham (by phone), Jim McGinnis (Water Operator), Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief) Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Absent: Greg Kepler (Kepler Engineering)

Others Present:

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

Approval of October Minutes

M. McWayne moved and R. Squire seconded to approve the October 8, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Engineer's Report (Kepler)

In G. Kepler's absence, his written report was reviewed for the well project status and options for going forward. Confidence in the water quality is low due to inconsistent sediment and turbidity. It was agreed to do another camera test where the camera will be located at the bottom and brought up as the well is pumped in case there is a possibility to understand where the sediment is coming from. D. Frost has been very generous with his time and equipment to test the well.

If the camera testing does not yield any positive future steps, the two alternatives are to explore installing a screened gravel well at the Cheney Road site or drill a well near Kellogg springs. B. Weiss noted that drilling a gravel packed well at a nearby location was the best option in order to have a water source on line before the next drought season. S. Jones expressed concern about drilling another well in a similar location which could produce the same results. A. de Rham explained that a gravel packed well moves water through an aquifer of gravel with screening and different levels so that the sediment should not be pumped to the surface. Discussion continued regarding the

pro's and con's of the options with a motion by R. Squire and a second by A. de Rham to move forward with the test drilling of the gravel packed well near Cheney Road. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Operator's Report (McGinnis)

J. McGinnis reported on the battery power levels for the chlorinator which is using a single solar panel to recharge. J. McGinnis had to charge the batteries and return it to the chlorinator room. Cloudy weather has caused the solar panel to deliver insufficient recharging power to the batteries. A battery volt meter has been purchased. It was suggested to double up on the solar panel and to have batteries charge as primary and secondary sources.

Champlin Associates is working on the metering station as it is under reporting the flow of water from the reservoir. The Board agreed that this was the company's problem and needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

J. McGinnis reviewed the leaks in the district ~ Fire Hydrant #11 will be repaired on November 26, 2018. This will involve users on Route 30 north of the Dorset Green. Fire Hydrant #1 will not be repaired at this time. R. Squire moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the Water Operator's report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire Chief's Report:

S. Hazelton read his report for the Department's calls for October 9 to November 19, 2018. Written warning/fine letters to be sent to four properties for false alarms. S. Jones asked if the Fire Department could require homeowners to have alarm maintenance done once a year and S. Hazelton responded that he did not believe this could be done for residential structures. M. McWayne moved and S. Jones seconded to accept the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Manger's Report (Gaiotti)

The Water Manager's report included well updates, alternatives to move forward, collection of delinquent taxes and quotes for water district servicing. R. Gaiotti noted that the planning loan application has to be amended and thought should be given as to what dollar amounts need to be included. B. Weiss asked if option 3 listed on the report (Prentiss Pond property) could be dismissed and R. Gaiotti suggested keeping it as a "back burner" option. R. Squire moved and S. Jones seconded to approve the Water Manager's report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Fire & Water Financials (Gaiotti)

R. Gaiotti reviewed his report:

- Water District & Fire District cash on hand
- Twenty-four accounts delinquent for water
- Delinquent fire tax amount has remained at \$5,748.51
- Tax sales on four properties are in process

S. Jones moved and R. Squire seconded to accept the Fire and Water Financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business

- LTS Warning Letter ~ S. Hazelton explained that he has been unable to schedule a walk through with LTS due to busy schedules on both sides.
- Firehouse Painting & Siding Repairs ~ two bids have been requested for repairs/painting and S. Hazelton has not heard back from either person yet.

New Business

- Quigley Water Main Re-Routing ~ the Board members reviewed a drawing prepared by Long Trail Engineering, P.C. (F. Parent) with regard to the issues of revising the piping at the Quigley property. R. Gaiotti recommended that G. Kepler corroborate F. Parent's design and the possibility of using a six inch pipe instead of four inch. J. McGinnis felt that the proximity of the septic system was a red flag and should be explored thoroughly as it could compromise the water system. It was requested that G. Kepler meet with F. Parent of Long Trail Engineering.
- S. Hazelton informed the Board members that he has contacted three restaurants for pricing on the Christmas dinner ~ no response from one, a negative response from another; leaving the third restaurant who gave a price. Tentative date is December 11th or 18th.
- S. Hazelton is to get someone to install phone jacks in the meeting room.

M. McWayne moved and R. Squire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Aversano