

Dorset Fire District Annual Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

In person & Via Zoom

In attendance: Ben Weiss, Lee Fox, Roger Squire, Milton McWayne, Abbott de Rham, Kevin O'Toole, Rob Gaiotti, Shawn Hazleton, Joe Clark, Bob & Nancy Faesy, Sanfra Weiss, Adam Stauffer, Keith Michl, Michael Bickford, Patrick McGuire, Cindy Loudenslager, Tanya Gabriele, Gay Squire, Justine Cook.

Kevin O'Toole brought the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Nancy Faesy moved and Tanya Gabriele seconded to waive the full reading of the 2020 annual meeting minutes, motion passed.

Kevin O'Toole noted that the next item was to review the reports of the Fire District Officers for 2020.

Reports:

Ben Weiss presented information relative to the Fire & Water budgets and the Fire and Water Division operations for 2020. Shawn Hazleton reported that the Fire Department had 102 calls in 2020 and now has 16 members. Training was somewhat limited by the pandemic but they still managed to get 750 hours of training in for the Department. He also noted that 49 calls had already been received for 2021 and that residents should post E911 numbers in a visible place on the street so emergency services can find homes. Lee Fox presented information relative to the planning and executing of a safe yield study for the Kellogg springs. It was noted that this process would help establish a formal safe yield and is being required by the State. Rob Gaiotti presented information on easements related to the system wide service line replacement project that will be carried out in 2021-2022.

Budgets:

Kevin O'Toole noted that the next item of business was to approve the Fire District Fire and Water budgets for FY22. Gay Squire moved and Cindy Loudenslager seconded to approve the Fire Department budget as presented, motion passed unanimously.

Kevin O'Toole noted that the Water budget was warned with the FY21 dates by mistake and that he would entertain a motion to amend the article to reflect the FY22 dates. Bob Faesy moved and Tanya Gabriele second to amend the article, motion passed. Gay Squire moved Tanya Gabriele seconded to approve the Water budget as presented, motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Kevin O'Toole noted that there were 3 seat terms expiring on the Prudential Committee and the following nominations had been received:

Ben Weiss 1 year term

Cindy Loudenslager 1 year term
Patrick McGuire 3 year term

Kevin O'Toole noted that the following nominations had been received for Clerk, Treasurer and Moderator.

Clerk: Roger Squire 1 year
Treasurer & Collector of Taxes: Lee Fox 1 year
Moderator: Kevin O'Toole 1 year

Ben Weiss noted that Milton McWayne was getting off the Board after more than 30 years of service to Dorset as Firefighter, Fire Chief, and Board Member, a round of applause was given as the group thanked Milton McWayne for his dedicated service to Dorset. It was also noted that Abbott de Rham was getting off the board after 6 years of service, a round of applause was given to Abbott de Rham for his dedicated service to Dorset.

Kevin O'Toole moved the slate of nominations to a vote, motion passed unanimously.

There being for further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager