

Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

January 17th, 2011 ~ Minutes

Members Present: Chris Brooks (Chair), Brad Tyler, Michael Connors

Members Absent: Marge Freed and Michael Oltedal.

Others Present: Rob Gaiotti, Town Manager, Sandy Pinsonault, Town Clerk, Bob Gibney, Lister Chair, Tyler Yandow, Zoning Administrator, Danny Pinsonault, Gay Squire, Jim Salsgiver, Jim Hand, Ellen Malloney, Jim Sullivan, BCRC, Steven Schlusssel, GNAT, Bob Menson, Joan Menson.

Chairman Chris Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The minutes of December 13, 2011 were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Michael Connors and seconded by Brad Tyler, motion carried 3-0.

Board of Listers Update:

Bob Gibney representing the Board of Listers, gave an update on the Equalization Study done for the Town of Dorset. The town's projected CLA for 2012-13 is 108.22, and suggested the Town wait and see what happens with this year's sales to determine if another town wide reappraisal will be necessary. Chris Brooks reiterated the same as sale prices will be the determining factor.

FY13 Budget Hearing:

The FY2013 Budget was reviewed. Rob Gaiotti stated that there could be some more changes as there are a few more petitions circulating. He then explained that the overall budget is up 1 to 1.5 % and the increase was due to the Highway Budget. Gay Squire asked about the Planning Consultant line item. Rob Gaiotti explained that the line item has been there for a while and not used. Jim Salsgiver inquired about the increase in Election Costs; Sandy Pinsonault explained that there will be three elections this year, each programming for the tabulator runs about \$1300. Brad Tyler made a motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Michael Connors, motion carried 3-0.

PACE & Town Meeting Warning:

The warning was then discussed and Chris Brooks pointed out the Article 4 was missing when comparing this year's warning to last. Rob Gaiotti stated that State Statute already gave the Selectboard the power to use any surplus to reduce taxes and felt it unnecessary to have as an article for the voters. Michael Connors asked if it was alright to just drop the article and Rob Gaiotti stated it was. Jim Salsgiver suggest a policy be drafted stating what would happen when a surplus did exist and clearly state how the money would be used. Chris Brooks thought that was a good idea as well.

Jim Salsgiver then gave an update on the PACE movement and explained that the hearing was held last week and about 30 people from 5 different towns attended. Chris Brooks asked if there was any liability to the town, and Jim Salsgiver stated no. Michael Connors asked what would happen in a tax sale situation. Jim Salsgiver explained that the Town is first, than the first Mortgage and Pace would be last. There will be a reserve fund established with each loan to help in covering those situations. Danny Pinsonault state the town has an opportunity to control the program. Tyler Yandow also stated that he would like the town to give the approval for the program. Gay Squire inquired about the interest rate, Jim Salsgiver explained that the rate would be set and based on the rates at the time of application. Michael Connors made a motion to accept the PACE article as written with the addition of "To be voted by Australian Ballot". The motion was seconded by Brad Tyler, motion carried 3-0.

The Town Meeting Warning was discussed and will be signed after all petitions have been turned in on the 26th of January.

Finance Report:

The finance report was reviewed and Rob Gaiotti explained that delinquent taxes sit around \$85,000 and that tax sales will have to wait until the March payment. Current fiscal year is at about 53% through and we are in great shape. The weather has certainly helped. Big items this past month were Equipment Repairs.

Manager's Report:

Rob Gaiotti gave the Manager's Report. Brad Tyler made a motion to approve a 15% discount for all JISP students from Dorset. The motion was seconded by Michael Connors, motion carried 3-0. The Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants were approved and signed as presented.

AP & Payroll:

It was the consensus of the board to approve the AP & Payroll documents for the week of January 17th 2012.

Other Business- the Certificate of Highway Mileage was presented for signatures with no changes from last year. It was the consensus of the Selectboard members to endorse the certificate.

A motion was made by Brad Tyler to go into executive session for legal and contract discussions. The motion was seconded by Michael Connors at 8:35pm.

Executive Session ended at 9:15pm with no action taken. There being no further business to address the meeting stood adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Pinsonault, Town Clerk

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