

# Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

## October 15, 2013 ~ Minutes

Present: Chris Brooks (Chairman), Marge Freed, Mike Connors, Michael Oltedal,  
Steve Jones

Absent:

Also, present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), Nancy Faesy, Danny Pinsonault, Sandra Pinsonault  
(Town Clerk)

C. Brooks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Approve Minutes of September 17, 2013

M. Freed asked for clarification regarding paragraph three under the heading of Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable on page 2. R. Gaiotti explained that they try to schedule payments of larger purchases so that the entire Select Board can review and sign off on them at the monthly meeting. If a payment with an early discount is to be paid, it would have to be placed on a weekly warrant signed by only three Board members. M. Freed moved and M. Connors seconded to approve the September 17, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### Public Comment

None

### Manchester Rescue Squad Update

C. Brooks stated that the Board is trying to clarify the procedure for appropriations noting that last year the Manchester Rescue Squad (MRS) had a budgeted appropriation of \$12,000 and petitioned for a voter approved appropriation of \$6,000 for a total of \$18,000 in funds. This year they would be asking for the original \$18,000 plus an additional \$17,000 and, in order to promote transparency for the voters, the SB members discussed having the Manchester Rescue Squad petition for the entire amount (to be voted on) or making it a budgeted appropriation for the total amount. SB minutes from March 2005 and June 2013 regarding appropriations were reviewed and C. Brooks noted that if a requested amount is changed (either budgeted or petitioned), the full amount has to be petitioned and an article for the full amount placed on the ballot to be voted on at Town Meeting.

M. Freed suggested that the requested total amount for the Manchester Rescue Squad be placed as a line item in the budget with yearly review and approval by the Select Board. This amount would not include the yearly three percent increases unless approved by the Select Board when reviewed on a yearly basis. M. Freed felt that the Town was lucky to have the Manchester Rescue Squad as funding a squad just for Dorset would be a huge amount to finance. C. Brooks asked if the Board members were in favor of budgeting \$35,500 as a line item for the Manchester Rescue Squad this coming year with review and approval of the amount every year and all members were in favor of a line item.

M. Freed expressed concern that the Manchester Rescue Squad had refused to answer a call to Dorset during a bad storm and the Arlington Squad had responded. C. Brooks asked where the rescue vehicle which was donated by a Dorset resident is housed and R. Gaiotti responded that it is at the Manchester Rescue Squad building. The vehicle is owned by the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and used by the Manchester Rescue Squad. R. Gaiotti is to find out who is responsible for determining whether to dispatch a rescue vehicle; if the donated first response vehicle can be housed in Dorset and what is the status of the use of the vehicle. Discussion is to be continued at the next Select Board meeting regarding this appropriation and to review the answers to the above questions. S. Pinsonault noted that the Dorset Library would fall under the same category as MRS and R. Gaiotti was directed to inform the Library that they would have to submit a petition for the total amount of their request for the coming year.

### **BCRC Representative Appointments (Nancy Faesy & John LaVecchia)**

R. Gaiotti introduced N. Faesy noting that she was a Dorset resident who submitted an application to be a representative for the BCRC. M. Freed asked if she was familiar with the Town Plan and N. Faesy responded yes, she has read the document and felt it already covered many of the issues that concern people. She also has written down questions she has about the Town Plan regarding some of the intended things to be done. N. Faesy was involved in town planning and development in Connecticut and noted that the difference between Connecticut and Dorset was that one person can make a difference here due to the smaller scale and that people are more involved. She felt it is a difficult balance between conservation and development and believes that a mixed use of business and residential is good so that it preserves the aesthetics of the Town. M. Freed moved and M. Oltedal seconded to appoint Nancy Faesy as a representative to the BCRC with the term expiring in 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

R. Gaiotti stated that John LaVecchia is also interested in serving as a representative to the BCRC and is currently the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. M. Connors moved and M. Oltedal seconded to appoint John LaVecchia as a representative to the BCRC with the term expiring in 2014. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Finance Report**

R. Gaiotti reported that the Delinquent Taxes stand at \$151,000 with two parcels in the process of being sold by banks and one bank foreclosure sale. Taxes on these sales should be forthcoming. Items mentioned under the finance report were: County taxes paid; water bill payment amount was for two quarters; impact drill purchased; Town office walkway paved; and small kitchen being installed for the Town office.

### **Manager's Report**

R. Gaiotti reviewed the Manager's report:

- Highway ~ Morse Hill Road and Danby Mountain Road projects are completed; Town office walkway was paved and side fence replaced; road project planning and winter preparation are being done.
- Miscellaneous ~ Conservation Commission has been discussing the Owl's Head grant project and C. Brooks asked if there were any "strings" attached to the grant as this should be available to all citizens. He suggested reaching out to private citizens for funding. R. Gaiotti suggested a public hearing in November to present the concept to everyone as this is an important asset to

Dorset. R. Gaiotti attended the ICMA and VTCMA conferences in Boston. Town support for the Dorset School septic issues has continued and R. Gaiotti attended a meeting with other county Town managers regarding health care.

**Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 10/15/13**

Discussion ensued regarding tractor repair with regard to the aftermarket part replacement with an original equipment manufactured part. It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 10/15/13 as presented.

**Other Business**

C. Brooks suggested that R. Gaiotti look into an online news service that the Town can subscribe to (Front Porch) which can be linked to the Town's web site.

**Personnel/Contracts (Meet with Town Clerk)**

M. Oltedal moved and S. Jones seconded to move to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss personnel and contracts. Motion carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 9:05 p.m. with no decisions made.

M. Connors moved and M. Freed seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Select Board

Date 10/15/13  
Regular Meeting X  
Special Meeting     

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Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Nancy Bossy	3284 Rt 30	self	? yes
Danny Pinsonault	1665 Rt 7 East Dorset VT	me	
Sandra Pinsonault	11605 Rte 7 E Dorset	self	