

Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

December 18, 2012 ~ Minutes

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

Absent:

Also, present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), Don Hayward, Pam Marron, Elizabeth VanDyk, Richard Pistell, Jacqueline Pistell, Brent Herrmann, Robert Menson, Joan Menson

C. Brooks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approve Minutes of November 13, 2012

M. Oltedal moved and M. Freed seconded to approve the November 13, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing Road Alteration & Discontinuance: Kelly Road ~ TH #46

C. Brooks opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. and informed the audience that the Public Hearing was to listen to any comments from the audience and the SB would then make a decision or recommendations. R. Gaiotti explained the alteration and discontinuance of Kelly Road by noting that the two areas north and south of Black Rock Lane will be isolated and Black Rock Lane will continue straight out to Route 30. The northern area of approximately ¼ acre will be re-seeded and become green space owned by the Town and the southern area near the quarry will be given over to D. McDonough. There is a large ash tree which marks the stopping point for parking and this area should mitigate the current parking issues for Black Rock Lane.

D. Haywood, resident of Bolton Lane, expressed concern about the lights shining into the houses across from the altered Black Rock Lane exiting onto Route 30. He asked that the SB give consideration to landscaping which would alleviate the bright lights shining across the highway. R. Gaiotti stated that they could discuss the issue, but there are State restrictions for the right-of-way for Route 30. D. Hayward questioned why the Town did not just tow cars that violated the current parking area and R. Gaiotti replied that towing was tried, but towing vendors eventually refused to respond to calls.

M. Freed pointed out that the no parking areas on Route 30 would be extended north and south and R. Gaiotti added that it would be extended approximately ¼ mile in each direction. P. Marron questioned if it would be possible to park on the extended section of Black Rock Lane and R. Gaiotti responded that the area will be landscaped using evergreen trees on the southern edge to meet the Route 30 right-of-way. Large structures such as marble blocks will also be used to restrict parking access. J. Pistell suggested that it would be wise to have tow-away signs within the private road and also for Snow and

Bolton Lanes. Appreciation for the Select Board's efforts was voiced by J. Pistell. R. Gaiotti noted that the Beavin and Waite families were instrumental in the process as they moved their driveway to Black Rock Lane. R. Pistell also expressed his appreciation for the time and effort put into making this project happen. C. Brooks closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m. M. Connors moved and M. Oltedal seconded to move forward with the alteration and discontinuance plans for Kelly Road ~ TH #46 as outlined in the Public Hearing process of December 18, 2012. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

None

Town Report Preparation & Dedication

R. Gaiotti reviewed the Town Manager and the Select Board Reports for the annual Town report booklet. C. Brooks suggested placing photographs of the Emerald Lake and Dorset School playground work accomplished this year. S. Jones felt it was important that mention should be given to the many people who have contributed their efforts to keeping the Town green looking so beautiful, especially Paul who has donated and maintained the area for over 20 years. R. Gaiotti noted that a best effort is made to thank everyone and M. Freed said that it was difficult to start mentioning people by name because it would be unacceptable to forget someone.

R. Gaiotti thought it might be a good idea to solicit people's input for the Town Report dedication page. M. Freed and C. Brooks felt that this was always "under wraps" until the book was released to the public. C. Brooks noted that outside suggestions were always received, but the dedication was usually done under Executive Session. It was the consensus of the Board members to receive outside suggestions for the dedication to the Town Report, but to make the final decision in Executive Session. M. Connors moved and M. Oltedal seconded to move to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried 5-0. J. Menson was included in the Executive Session to discuss a Town report dedication suggestion. Executive Session ended at 8:15 p.m.

FY14 Municipal Budget Workshop (Continued)

C. Brooks asked what the timeline was for the budget and R. Gaiotti answered that a Public Hearing would need to be held on January 15th.

- Manchester Rescue Squad ~ request for an additional \$6,000 appropriation. C. Brooks noted that placing this on the ballot as an article for a floor vote gives citizens the chance to discuss the amount which can then be increased or decreased. M. Freed suggested having a representative from the Squad present to answer any questions and the SB can endorse the increase during the discussion. M. Freed moved and M. Connors seconded to place the Manchester Rescue Squad's request for an additional \$6,000 appropriation on the ballot. Motion carried 5-0.
- Grand List Preservation Project ~ C. Brooks asked if this project was absolutely necessary to do and R. Gaiotti replied that the Town Clerk would start the preservation project with the most vulnerable books first (1875-1929) which need to be done as soon as possible for a cost of \$15,000. Total estimated cost of preservation would be \$24, 895. M. Freed asked if this was in

addition to the currently budgeted \$3,000 and R. Gaiotti responded yes, this was above and beyond the budgeted \$3,000. M. Oltedal asked if there was any money previously allocated to the grand list preservation as he thought this was discussed in the past. R. Gaiotti responded that it was not addressed previously as the grand lists are only in ledger books. M. Connors asked how many people use research these records and if the preservation could wait another year and M. Oltedal suggested spreading the preservation costs over a few years. C. Brooks commented that Mormon historians had captured the data possibly on microfiche and it may be available from them. M. Freed suggested breaking up the preservation costs into increments of \$5,000 per year for five years. M. Connors moved and S. Jones seconded to approve \$5,000 for the Town Clerk Grand List Preservation Project line item in the budget. Motion carried 5-0.

- Select Board Legal ~ It was the consensus of the Select Board to leave the line item for Select Board Legal at \$7,500.
- Planning Consultant ~ the line item for Planning Consultant is to remain at \$500.
- Outside Audit ~ the Town is still under a three-year contract with Mudgett, Jennett & Krough-Wisner which was awarded in December 2010.
- Village Speed Signs ~ R. Gaiotti noted that there was support for the speed signs from the residents of the Village and this would be another tool for speed control when the Vermont State Police were not present. S. Jones expressed that it seemed to be mostly trucks which were speeding through the Village areas. C. Brooks suggested that the Vermont State Police be instructed to issue tickets for speeders in the Village zones and M. Freed commented that she did not see the signs as a speed fix and wanted to use the Vermont State Police to the best advantage before spending money on the signs. M. Oltedal felt that it might be helpful to install the signs as it works in Stratton and this might avoid an accident. S. Jones agreed with M. Oltedal. C. Brooks recommended that a schedule be worked up for the Vermont State Police patrols in the Village areas to step up their presence and to have them issue tickets. The speed sign discussion can be re-visited in the future. S. Jones suggested that the patrol look into a large RV parked by the Dorset Inn frequently which blocks the line of sight at the corner.
- Truck Replacement ~ R. Gaiotti explained that the tandem dump/plow truck has reached the end of its useful life at 13 years. M. Connors noted that it was important to consider the emission standard regulations when trading in the truck. M. Freed asked if there was any resale value for the truck and if the amount would make a difference in the line item. R. Gaiotti responded that the anticipated cost would be \$160,000 with the trade-in.
- Dorset Library ~ R. Gaiotti informed the Board that the additional \$10,000 appropriation for the Library will be a permanent request and will be petitioned for two more years. The total appropriation will become \$20,000.
- Listers/Reappraisal & Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper ~ will be discussed in Executive Session.

Finance Report

R. Gaiotti reported that the delinquent tax list was \$115,000 with pending payments which should bring the total down to \$65,000. The amount represents 12-18 residents. It was the consensus of the Select

Board members to place an asterisk next to the names of residents who are making payments on their delinquent tax amounts. Finance discussion included: law enforcement billing, Emerald Lake bill, gravel purchases, truck tires recapped, gas and diesel increased usage, VLCT insurance payment, and School use facility fee. R. Gaiotti informed the Board that the MEMS Youth Basketball League, which includes Dorset students, is using the Dorset School facilities and they only have portable backboards at the School which are not safe. It was suggested that safer adjustable backboards be purchased and installed at the School. C. Brooks stated that all the allocated funds from the Recreation Fund have already been given in two lump sums for the School playground. It was suggested by C. Brooks to table this discussion until January 2013 until all the bills have been received for the Emerald Lake project to make sure that another purchase would not over run the budget line item. R. Gaiotti asked about using the contingency fund and was told that the Board would not set a precedent by moving funds from one line item to another. It was the consensus of the Select Board members to support the purchase of the safer basketball backboards estimated to cost \$800 if there are funds available in the Recreation Fund after all other bills have been paid.

Manager's Report

- New entry door donated by Duane Sherman has been installed at the Town garage.
- Barlett Trees has been doing tree work around Town
- Vehicle maintenance and trucking winter sand are being done
- Sign for the trail head at Pinnacle has been installed
- Kelly Road discussion with J. O'Dea
- R. Gaiotti spoke at a Rotary Luncheon
- Monthly meeting with neighboring Town Mangers
- Town has been awarded a municipal planning grant of just under \$6,000 for a PC project for a build-out study
- S. Jones asked if R. Gaiotti has heard back from Green Mountain Power about the trees that were cut down by Transtar, LLC and R. Gaiotti replied yes, they were supposed to do a site visit of the area, but have not called back about this issue yet.

Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of December 18, 2012

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of December 18, 2012 as presented.

Other Business

1. The equalization study has been received from the Vermont Department of Taxes and the CLA is approximately 108-109% and the COA has remained similar to the past so there is no mandatory reappraisal from the State.
2. A letter has been received from the Race Director for Tour of the Dragons race held in Dorset last year. They would like to hold the event again in May 2013 and are seeking SB approval.

M. Freed moved and M. Oltedal seconded to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. as the Select Board and convene as the Liquor Board. Motion carried 5-0.

S. Jones moved and M. Oltedal seconded to approve the liquor license for Church Street Hospitality Inc. as presented. Motion carried 5-0. C. Brooks asked R. Gaiotti to remind S. Pinsonault about an outdoor liquor consumption license for this applicant. M. Freed moved and M. Connors seconded to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. as the Liquor Board and reconvene as the Select Board. Motion carried 5-0.

- M. Oltedal moved and S. Jones seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 10:45 p.m. It was the consensus of the Select Board members to raise the employee participation amount for their health insurance benefits to 7% (seven percent).

The next Select Board meeting will be January 15th starting at 6:00 p.m.

M. Freed moved and S. Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
NancyAversano

Town of Dorset ~ Select Board

Date 12/18/12
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Special Meeting

(Please Print)			
Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Don Hayward	PO BOX 857 65 BOLTON LA	SELF	MAY BE
Paul Maron	Box 563	Self/Blackrock	Maybe
Ellen Smith-Kandyl	751 BlackRock Lane	Self/BlackRock	Perhaps
Richard Pistell	PO Box 993, Dorset, VT 05251	Self	NO
Jacqueline Pistell	" " " " "	self	Doubtful
Drew Herrmann	746 Squires Rd Dorset	Self	
Robert Menson	1131 ROUTE 30	SELF	NO
JOAN MENSON	"	"	YES

Special Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

December 17, 2012 TH # 46 Site Visit Meeting

Present: Chris Brooks (Chairman), Mike Connors, Michael Oltedal, Marge Freed, Steve Jones.
Also, present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager)

C. Brooks, Chairman, called the site visit meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

R. Gaiotti explained the discontinuance & alteration process for town highways in Vermont. R. Gaiotti also explained how this process relates to the TH # 46 project. A preliminary survey of the project area was reviewed. The board entered a general discussion about assuring for adequate screening, safe traffic patterns, and maintenance. The Board then walked the project area as laid out in the preliminary survey.

The TH # 46 site visit meeting was closed at 4:00pm; the public hearing will take place Tuesday December 18th at 7:00pm at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gaiotti
Town Manager

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cc: Listers, Planning, Zoning, Select Board, Town Clerk, Town Clerk, Foreman, and School Board
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