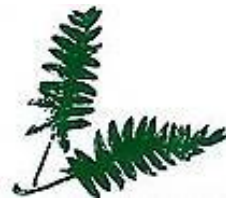


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Dorset Selectboard Meeting Minutes Special – Joint meeting with the Manchester Selectboard Thursday Dec. 5th 2013

Location: 3588 Main Street, Bennington County Courthouse, Manchester Village.

Present: C. Brooks, Chair, M. Freed, M. Oltedal, M. Connors, S. Jones, R. Gaiotti (Town Manager). Manchester Selectboard: I. Beattie, W. Bell, L. Souls, C. Lattuga, J. O'Keefe (Town Manager).

Audience: Phil Bourn, Jim Dougherty, Howard Towsley, Chip Straub, Cpt. Don Patch, Mike Casey, Ben Weiss, Tom Curran, Ellen Malloney, Chip Watson, Dave & Wendy Parsons, Erica Marthage, Terry Fuller, Andy Reed, et al.

Ivan Beattie & Chris Brooks called to order concurrent meetings of the Manchester & Dorset Selectboards at 5:03pm. Ivan Beattie introduced members of the boards and recognized members of the public in attendance, and explained the concept of a joint public safety study that could potentially be commissioned. R. Gaiotti gave a brief explanation of how the process came about and then presented the Memorandum of Understanding created by J. O'Keefe and R. Gaiotti. Discussion ensued about the document, with a few questions from the general public. B. Knight questioned costs associated with the study. J. O'Keefe explained the \$30,000 cap on the cost of the study and the 64% & 36% funding split for Manchester & Dorset respectively. C. Watson questioned the results of a recent school district consolidation study, and spoke in support of the concept of a public safety study.

Upon hearing no further questions, W. Bell made a motion and L. Souls seconded to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dorset & Manchester Selectboards to commission a study on the collaboration & consolidation of public safety services between the towns, motion carried (4-0).

M. Connors moved and M. Freed seconded to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding between the Dorset & Manchester Selectboards to commission a study on the collaboration & consolidation of public safety services between the towns, motion carried (4-0).

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned at 6:05pm

Respectfully Submitted

R. Gaiotti, Town Manager