

# Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

## February 20, 2012 ~ Minutes

Present: Chris Brooks (Chairman), Marge Freed, Mike Connors, Michael Oltedal, Brad Tyler

Absent:

Also, present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), Danny Pinsonault, Beth Meachem (Stone Valley Byway), D. Green, Robert Menson, Joan Menson, Tyler Yandow (Zoning Administrator)

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

### Approve Minutes of January 17, 2012 & February 2, 2012

M. Connors moved and B. Tyler seconded to approve the January 17, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 (M. Freed & M. Oltedal abstained).

M. Oltedal moved and M. Connors seconded to approve the February 2, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 (C. Brooks & M. Freed abstained).

### Stone Valley Byway Update

B. Meachem noted that she is trying to facilitate and finalize the marker, marker content and location for the Stone Valley Byway. The content has been reviewed over the past year and the proposed location is at the H. N. Williams Store. This will hopefully boost the economy of the Town stores when people slow down and stop to read the marker. A marker location site plan and mock-up of the marble slab with content were presented to the SB. M. Oltedal moved and M. Connors seconded to approve the placement and the content as depicted in the presented site plan and mock-up. Motion carried 5-0.

### Zoning Bylaw Discussion

R. Gaiotti noted that 2013 is the required year to revise and amend the Zoning Bylaws, if necessary. It has been a fairly slow time for applications and permits which would allow the ZA and PC to review and discuss the Bylaws. The Zoning Administrator has presented some issues to look at and review for changes or to leave them as is. R. Gaiotti also mentioned that a letter has been received from a resident suggesting a change. The PC has seen the letter and ZA list, but has not discussed any proposed changes as they would like to talk to T. Yandow first. C. Brooks asked if there was a timeline for input and comment as the amendments (if any) should be finalized by the end of the summer. R. Menson commented that PC would not consider the suggested changes until T. Yandow was present at their meeting which would not be until April. D. Pinsonault stated that the list of changes was given to the SB first and that a lot of knowledgeable Dorset residents had showed up at the last PC meeting knowing more than the PC did. The PC tried to explain that the list had to be reviewed and discussed by the PC and then forwarded to the SB, but people were worried that the changes would be passed before they

could comment. C. Brooks reiterated that he would like a timeline set so that everyone would have time to review and discuss the proposed changes. D. Pinsonault suggested that the PC meeting dates should be changed to allow T. Yandow to be present at their next meetings as it is important to have his input. M. Freed noted that it is a disservice to Town Boards, as public input is needed at certain times, but every meeting should not be treated as a public hearing. R. Gaiotti is to contact B. Breed about changing the PC meeting dates. D. Pinsonault asked if the SB would meet with the PC if necessary and C. Brooks responded yes. C. Brooks stated that the PC should work through the proposed changes first.

C. Brooks, addressing T. Yandow upon his arrival, explained that he would like to have the PC reschedule their meetings so that he could attend. The objective would be to have enough time for everyone to voice their opinions and finalize the proposed changes by late summer.

### **Town Meeting Preparation**

R. Gaiotti read through his list of 2012 Town Meeting talking points with discussion on a new grease treatment for bridges; using the surplus to lower the tax rate; and a new statement of funds included in the Town report. R. Menson commented that seven articles on the warning were all by petition and asked if they all had gotten 75 signatures. C. Brooks responded that he believed so and the Town Clerk could verify this.

### **Finance Report**

R. Gaiotti reported that the finances were going well with the bigger expended items under the Highway line item. M. Freed asked about equipment rental and R. Gaiotti explained that the funds for the culvert project on Danby Mountain Road had not been received yet which would cover the expenditures in this line item. C. Brooks asked about the Town Shed Maintenance line item with R. Gaiotti responding that the garage doors need repair. The salt shed is full and the Irene FEMA money has been received.

### **Manager's Report**

The report included:

- Highway ~ as listed in the 2/20/12 Manager's report. C. Brooks asked if they would be posting weight limit signs for the roadways soon. R. Gaiotti will talk to J. Hewes and noted that the roads were in really good shape. R. Gaiotti stated that the Town should start to consider the creation of a larger covered space to store salt.
- Emerald Lake ~ as listed in the 2/20/12 Manager's report. R. Gaiotti noted that he had a productive meeting with the Emerald Lake staff who will be compiling a list of projects and costs that the Town might be able to collaborate on.
- Recreation Expenses FY12 to date ~ Total was \$13,749.85

### **Approve Accounts Payable for the Week of 2/20/12**

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 2/20/12 as presented. (M. Oltedal & M. Connors abstained)

**Other Business**

1. It was the consensus of the SB members to sign the form for the State informing them that there were no pending Lister appeals.

**Contracts/Legal**

M. Freed moved and M. Connors seconded to move to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a legal issue. Motion carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m. with no further comments made.

M. Oltedal moved and B. Tyler seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

## Town of Dorset ~ Select Board

Date 2/20/12  
 Regular Meeting X  
 Special Meeting     

(Please Print)

Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Danny Pinsky	E Dorset vt	me	
Ben Meacher	Dorset	Stone Valley byway	
D. GREEN	POB 881	myself	
ROBERT MENSON	1131 RT 30 - DORSET	"	
JOAN MENSON	" " "	"	
Tyler Yanson	DORSET	TOWN	