

# Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

## May 21, 2013 ~ Minutes

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

Absent:

Also, present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), Bill Jackson (USDA-FS), Pat D'Andrea (USDA-FS), Richard & Jackie Pistell, Elizabeth VanDyk, Ed Dublois

C. Brooks, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

### Approve Minutes of April 16, 2013

M. Oltedal moved and M. Freed seconded to approve the April 16, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### Public Comment

R. Pistell extended thanks to all concerned who were involved with the Kelly Road project for the wonderful ingress and egress created. All the hard work was appreciated.

D. Marks also submitted a letter of thanks for Kelly Road (letter attached).

### Forest Service Update

B. Jackson introduced himself as the new District Ranger in Manchester Center. P. D'Andrea explained that the Forest Service was contacted by A. Calfee representing the Dorset Hollow Corp. regarding 543 acres in Dorset Hollow (headwaters of the Mettowee River) which would fit in with their long term plan to connect the Taconic Mountains to the Green Mountains. The Forest Service is seeking support from the Town to purchase this property. C. Brooks asked how much land would be available for logging and P. D'Andrea responded that she would need the GIS person to look into this for an accurate number, but estimated that a little less than half the land would be placed into diverse forest use. C. Brooks commented that his main interest in logging is to get the edges back for the wildlife. M. Freed asked who was the Dorset Hollow Corp. and R. Gaiotti replied that it was Wallace family and a group of residents who purchased the land to stop a large commercial ski area project. P. D'Andrea explained that the tax implications using 2012 rates on a \$200,000 home, for example, would be a 68-cent increase in the annual combined property tax bill and non-residential would see a 97-cent increase. M. Connors moved and M. Oltedal seconded to support the USDA Forest Service acquisition of the acreage in Dorset Hollow. Motion carried 5-0.

### Contracts/Legal

S. Jones moved and M. Connors seconded to move to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 8:20 p.m. C. Brooks noted that no decisions were made and that the Board members discussed options for law enforcement contracts.

### **Public Hearing: Traffic Ordinance Amendment**

C. Brooks opened the Public Hearing at 8:21 p.m. R. Gaiotti explained that the traffic ordinance language needs to be amended for a no parking zone on Kelly Road (TH #46) to include an approximate 200 foot section on both sides of the road and allows for no parking zone signs. A correction was made to the last paragraph of the amendment to change the word “water” to “waiver.”

R. Pistell stated that he was in favor of the proposed amendment which would help to keep the area clear of parked cars and available for emergency vehicles. J. Pistell asked what type of signs would be used and R. Gaiotti answered that they would use tow away and fire lane signs and possibly a split rail fence as a visual to make it obvious that there is no space to park. M. Freed suggested placing the signs on the split rail fence, if it was used. M. Connors asked about signs on Route 30 and R. Gaiotti replied that it was the State’s responsibility and the Town has already petitioned the State for signs to extend the no parking zones 2/10 of a mile in both directions on Route 30.

M. Freed moved and M. Connors seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Freed moved and S. Jones seconded to adopt the Traffic Ordinance Amendment for No Parking Zone on Kelly Road (TH#46) as presented and with the correction of the word *water to waiver*. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Finance Report**

R. Gaiotti reported that the delinquent taxes were down to \$249,000 which represents approximately 28 property owners. Finances overall were on target and 90% of the way through the fiscal year. He was hopeful that the next tax payments were received early, but it might be time to consider a tax anticipation loan in later July. Budget items mentioned were the recreation fund, Town shed, equipment repair (radios), Kelly Road project (paving to edge of right-of-way estimated at +/- \$5,000), not receiving a paving grant for Danby Mountain Road, complete paving of Morse Hill Road with culverts, the school facility use fee and the voter approved payments to the non-profits.

### **Manager’s Report**

- The winning bid on the proposed purchase of a tandem dump truck was a Patriot/Western Star & Viking at \$123,000. An automatic transmission is being considered for safety reasons. M. Connors supported the idea of an automatic transmission.
- Kelly Road project is almost complete ~ only paving left to do.
- Bridge work on Peace Street and Lower Hollow Road is complete.
- Culvert work on Morse Hill Road has begun. A large culvert near Pine Road may require road closure for a portion of a day.
- The 2013 paving grant was not received, but due to the low bid price for paving and use of FY12 surplus, all of Morse Hill Road will be paved.
- Four hundred responses were received to the build-out study survey. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- R. Gaiotti attended a Health Care Exchange seminar and there are still many unanswered questions.

- R. Gaiotti met with B. Weiss about the Manchester Rescue Squad regarding future fund raising and capital equipment funding plans. They will be operating at \$120,000 deficit this year causing them to use endowment funds. B. Weiss may want to meet with the Board members.
- Conservation Commission met with Art Gilbert to discuss the preservation of Owl's Head hiking trail. Final stone work on the Pinnacle Tower should be finished by early July.
- Thirty-six bags of trash and approximately 30 tires were removed on Green-Up Day.
- A Solid Waste meeting will be held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to begin discussions for re-drafting the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. A new law has been passed to require mandatory composting of food and organic materials.
- Casella is to offer zero sort recycling at the transfer station. This will reduce costs to the Town initially, but cost may increase over time.

**Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 5/21/13**

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 5/21/13 as presented.

**Other Business**

1. R. Gaiotti noted that the Forest Service Dorset/Peru Project Environmental Assessment book is available to read at the Town office.
2. M. Freed reminded the Board that the members wanted to discuss the process by which non-profits request monies from the Town (petition process) and suggested they not wait until the budget season. This item will be added to next month's agenda.
3. The next Select Board meetings will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

M. Oltedal moved and S. Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano



town manager <townmanager@gmail.com>

Thanks  
1 message

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Marks <drdoug42@myfairpoint.net>  
Reply-To: Doug Marks <drdoug42@myfairpoint.net>  
To: rob gaiotti <townmanager@gmail.com>

Tue, May 21, 2013 at 7:19 AM

Hi Rob,

Unfortunately, a family matter will prevent us from being at the Select Board meeting tonite. I don't know if notes such as this can be read into the minutes. If not, I would appreciate it if you would informally bring it to the Board members attention.

"The situation at the quarry, Kelly Road and Black Rock Lane was both complex and very serious for the residents and the Town of Dorset as a whole. There were many, seemingly opposing, interests involved. We would like to add our voices to those of the users of Black Rock Lane and Kelly Road in thanking the members of the Select Board and the Town Manager for stepping up to address the problems. The solution seems to have taken in the interests of all the parties. It is an example of local governance and town management at its best.

Kudos and many thanks."

Doug and Linda Marks

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Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Bill Jackson	2538 Depot St Man. Ct. VT 05555	USDA FS	
Pat D'Andrea	1007 Rte 7 S Middlebury VT	U.S. Forest Service	
Richard Jacke Pistell	700 Black Rock Lane Dorset VT	self	Yes
Bill Spork Vanduyk	701 Black Rock Lane Dorset	self	?
Ed Dobleis	PO Box 2654 Manchester	self	no