

Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

September 20, 2011 ~ Minutes

Present: Chris Brooks (Chairman), Marge Freed, Mike Connors, Michael Oltedal
Absent: Brad Tyler
Also, present: R. Gaiotti (Town Manager), Bob Gibney (Lister)

Contracts/Legal

Discussion with Bob Gibney, Chairman of the Board of Listers.

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

Approve Minutes of August 16, 2011

M. Oltedal moved and M. Freed seconded to approve the August 16, 2011 minutes as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

Draft Town No Smoking Policy (continued)

It was the consensus of the Select Board members to sign the Town of Dorset ~ Campus Smoking & Tobacco Policy with the last sentence under the heading Policy Application deleted.

Review Draft Procedures Policies (continued)

M. Freed requested that under heading C. ~ Procedures, #4 the words "*the beginning*" and the word "*open*" be deleted in that sentence. M. Freed moved and M. Oltedal seconded to table the review of the Draft Procedures Policies until a full Board is present. Motion carried 4-0.

R. Gaiotti requested that a joint meeting of the PC, ZBA and SB be held next month and noted that questions have arisen concerning if each Board adopts its own policy without input from the SB. It is the consensus of the SB that each Board has the ability, on an annual basis, to make changes to the policy and that the SB is the guiding body behind them. The SB can make changes as they see fit if there are any issues, especially if it is against State Statute.

M. Connors asked if all policies can be reviewed by the Town Attorney and everyone thought this was a good idea. C. Brooks stressed that each Board has to review their policy at their annual organizational meeting.

Finance Report

R. Gaiotti reported that the delinquent tax list has been reduced by a recently sold house and is now down to \$101,000. The warning process is starting for seven tax sales and the Town is past the first tax payment date. No money will need to be borrowed.

Work has been accomplished at the Pinnacle for \$1,800 out of the recreation fund and a view to the north has been opened. Expenditures for overtime related to storm damages and storm emergencies were higher than normal, but a claim has been submitted to FEMA to try to recoup some of the expenditures. Mad Tom Road was one of the worst hit roads in Town. Overall the budget is 21% through the fiscal year and 31% has been expended.

Manager's Report

- West Road paving has been finished at a total cost of \$415,000 with the Town's share at \$240,000. Danby Mountain Road paving cost \$36,000. Discussion was had on the pot holes and frost heaves on Morse Hill Road being fixed before paving the road. J. Hewes is to be consulted on this topic.
- Mad Tom Road and the far end of Upper Hollow Road suffered major washouts from Irene storm damage. Storm (Irene) occurred on Sunday and all Town roads were passable for two lane traffic by Wednesday. Approximate timeframe for work on the Mad Tom Road retaining wall will be October 17 – 28, 2011.
- Many trees were down causing considerable cutting and chipping clean up.
- Assistance given to the Town of Danby in trucking materials and renting tandems (\$1,500 in fees should be received).
- The Road Crew assisted with emergency access road construction for Rocky Lane and Pleasant Street Extension. As private roadways, the residents will be billed for materials.
- R. Gaiotti attended a FEMA meeting on September 9th and submitted a request for Public Assistance to defray the costs incurred for Mad Tom Road.
- The tractor/mower has arrived and will need alterations/repairs with extended warranty offerings from the dealer.
- Commemorative photos for the 250th celebration will soon be available for purchase on the Dorset website. The event was well attended and the fire departments did a great job cooking, setting up and cleaning up.

Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 09/20/11

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 09/20/11 as presented.

Other Business

- Updating Zoning fees should be given consideration as they have not been updated since 2005 and expenses have risen for administrative costs. No fees are currently charged for demolition permits or certificates of occupancy which have associated costs in recording fees. Changing the

fee structure would require a Public Hearing. T. Yandow, Zoning Administrator, will be presenting a memo comparing zoning fees of a few different Towns. C. Brooks requested that the memo be ready for the next SB meeting so that the following month a Public Hearing may be held. It is requested that T. Yandow attend the next SB meeting and also be present for the Public Hearing.

M. Oltedal moved and M. Connors seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Town of Dorset ~ Select Board

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Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Bob Gibney	Danby Mt Rd	Town of Dorset	LUTG