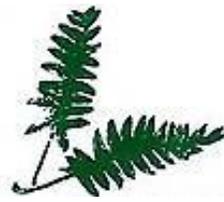


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## Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board December 19, 2017

Present: Henry Chandler (Chairman), Megan Thorn, Jack Stannard,  
Tom Smith, Liz Ruffa, R. Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Absent:

Also, present: Jim Mirenda, Allan Sullivan, Sandra Pinsonault, Danny  
Pinsonault, Cliff Beebe

H. Chandler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes of November 28, 2017**

T. Smith moved and L. Ruffa seconded to approve the November 28, 2017  
minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Owls Head Hill Lane Update**

H. Chandler explained that the Owls Head Hill Lane Association has requested  
the Town to take over maintenance of their road of 0.91 miles which includes  
the main road and the south road. The SB members reviewed R. Gaiotti's memo  
dated 12/19/17 which outlined guidelines for conversion of private roads to  
publicly maintained roads. H. Chandler noted that he would be more  
comfortable in road conversions if the Town Plan did not specifically speak  
against it in Section 3.1.6. Due to lack of a motion, the request was denied.

### **Event Permit/Noise Discussion (continued)**

H. Chandler stated that after a long process of developing a noise ordinance  
which was tabled after two Public Hearings, the Board has decided to research  
a special events permit. L. Ruffa read a statement outlining what the Board is  
trying to accomplish with the Town Attorney's input. H. Chandler noted the  
Board is seeking to address concerns in village areas and possibly limit  
permitting to those zones for multiple outside events with amplified music. The  
Town Attorney will attend the next SB meeting. T. Smith expressed that care  
should be taken not to regulate traffic and M. Thorn agreed that the main focus  
would be noise. A. Sullivan questioned whether the open meeting law was  
violated with having an agreement in place without a public meeting. H.

Chandler responded that L. Ruffa and M. Thorn had discussions about the statement that was read, but the Board will make a decision on the agreement/statement tonight. C. Beebe asked if the permit would be limited to village zones and H. Chandler responded that they did not know yet as they are not sure if it is possible to do special events permitting by zones. C. Beebe expressed concern that a blanket ordinance would be created affecting the entire Town which does not fit the entire Town. H. Chandler commented that the horse show was very important to support. D. Pinsonault suggested that the Board ask the lawyer for some easy rules to follow which would allow the SB to “tweak” as applicable. It was noted that this could be discriminatory and an arbitrary practice.

It was the consensus of the SB members to have the Town Attorney review all materials recently considered by the SB regarding noise issues and to draft a multi-purpose permit for discussion at the next meeting. It was agreed that the Town Attorney would attend the January 16, 2018 SB meeting.

### **Route 7 & Mad Tom Update (continued)**

A document listing potential safety enhancements was discussed with the Board agreeing that a request submitted in three different letters for modifying the roadway on Route 7 in the 40 mph zone by narrowing the shoulders; extending the No Parking zone on the east side of US 7 to the south and a rumble strip to delineate Route 7 and Route 7a be submitted for consideration. T. Smith suggested that in the letter for the rumble strip, the Town should ask for a 40 mph sign in big letters to be drawn on the pavement.

### **FY19 Budget Review/Approve**

R. Gaiotti pointed out relevant points of the FY19 budget to the Board such as adding money for a computer server, the Bennington County Industrial Corp and VYCC. Discussion of budgeting for re-appraisal ensued with R. Gaiotti noting that the Town has a sinking fund which should be adequate. The garage in Dorset is in progress and it should be possible to break ground in the spring.

S. Pinsonault noted that H. Chandler, M. Thorn and L. Ruffa must submit their SB member petitions by January 22, 2018 if they are running for the Select Board seats again.

### **Finance Report**

Delinquent taxes are at \$103,000 as of 12/15/17. The Town pilot payment is lower than last year and the Town has been accepting advance tax payments. M. Thorn moved and T. Smith seconded to approve the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Manager's Report**

R. Gaiotti reviewed his December 19<sup>th</sup> report noting:

- Continued support for the DFD
- Train station project has been stalled due to not being able to acquire the existing station
- Manchester Rescue Squad's budget is expected to increase slightly.
- Sheriff patrol coordination
- DMPA meeting to discuss 2018 sidewalk projects.

**Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 12/19/2017**

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 12/19/2017 as presented.

**Other Business**

- M. Thorn noted that there were three different committees looking at sidewalk improvements in Dorset and East Dorset. She recommended that all three parties coordinate their resources and information in order to be efficient and improve safety. It was suggested that a joint meeting be scheduled.

J. Stannard moved and M. Thorn seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

**Select Board**

Date 12/19/17

Regular Meeting X

Special Meeting     

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Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Jim Mirenda	Box 50 East Dorset		No
Allan Sullivan	932 McNamara Road	me	No!
Sandra Pinsonault	1665 Rte 7	town cler	yes
Danny Pinsonault	1665 Rte 7	me	?
LIFE BEBE	P.O. Box 66, EAST DORSET	BEEBE FARM LLC	MAYBE