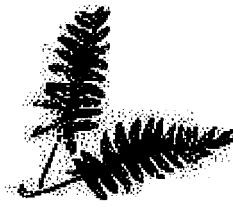


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Dorset Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes: Tuesday February 28, 2017

Board Members Present: Henry Chandler, Chairperson, Megan Thörn, Vice-Chairperson, Liz Ruffa, Tom Smith.

Members Absent: Jack Stannard

Others in attendance: Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager), Diana Green, GNAT-TV

H. Chandler called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

M. Thörn suggested a minor change to the 1/30/17 minutes with a correction of J. Smith to T. Smith on page 3. **It was the consensus to approve the minutes with the minor amendment.**

Mad Tom & Route 7 intersection Update:

R. Gaiotti presented a brief memo about updates with regards to accidents and data on Route 7 and Mad Tom Road. Discussion ensued about safety and pending VT AOT safety studies for the area. R. Gaiotti noted that a speed study done by the BCRC should be forthcoming in the next month.

Conflict of Interest Policy:

M. Thörn mentioned that she felt the document was well worth having and the document was taken from the VLCT template. H. Chandler mentioned that it was voluntary for each board member to sign the agreement, and that the decision lies with the board member. H. Chandler mentioned that the Planning Commission also has such a policy and that it would be good for the Selectboard to have one as well. Discussion ensued about adoption.

H. Chandler stated that the plan would be adopt the policy this evening and begin implementing the policy next week after the organizational meeting. **M. Thörn moved and T. Smith seconded to approve the Selectboard Conflict of Interest Policy tonight and implement the policy upon the organizational meeting on March 7th. Motion passed 3-0**

H. Chandler expressed thanks to J. Stannard for assistance to the board on this issue and noted that he was not able to attend the meeting tonight due to health reasons.

Town Meeting Talking Points:

Discussion ensued about the memo received from R. Gaiotti with regard to highlighted items that the Town was dealing with over the past 12 months and will be dealing with in the next year. H. Chandler comprised notes with highlights for review. Discussion ensued about Fire Districts, Water Systems, Law Enforcement, Town Forest Projects, Noise Ordinance, Economic Development, Planning & Zoning, and miscellaneous items. Discussion ensued about the recent developments at the Dorset Quarry and how the Town stepped up to assist neighbors by providing law enforcement services.

Further discussion ensued about the timing of the meeting, what would be presented, and who would be presenting the information. M. Thörn stated that she would like the board to give a brief presentation after the Moderator opens the Town Meeting. H. Chandler stated that he would be happy to present some notes about Town items after the Moderator opens the meeting.

M. Thörn asked D. Green what items that she thought the public might inquire about at Town Meeting. D. Green responded that the public might like to know about the policing and town forest changes with additions of expense that the Town is now liable for. Discussion ensued about some of these items and the best way to present info to the public at Town Meeting.

Finance Report:

R. Gaiotti noted that Delinquent taxes are still around \$154,000 which is up from \$114,000 last year at this time. Two properties are slated for tax sale with other properties paying in full or working about agreements to have the balance paid over the next 60 days.

R. Gaiotti presented the monthly expense and trial balance reports. It was noted that the Town is 67% through the FY17 fiscal year, and expenses site at 73%. This is due to winter road maintenance being a large cost that won't occur later in the fiscal year. Overall things are normal for the FY17 Town budget at this point.

Manager's Report:

R. Gaiotti discussed items that the Manager's Office has been working on over the past 4 weeks:

- The Dorset Fire District approved a water hook up for the Old Firehouse and an information from Long Trail Engineering about feasibility will be coming soon.
- Continued work with the Dorset Fire District for bookkeeping and administrative help etc.
- Town Forest/ Hiking brochure work
- Other miscellaneous items: law enforcement, budget and town meeting prep, listers office changes etc.

It was the consensus of the Selectboard to approve payroll and accounts payable warrants for February 28, 2017.

Other Business:

R. Gaiotti presented the results of the outside audit RFP. The low bidder was Mudgett, Jennett & Krough-Wisner PC from Montpelier.

T. Smith moved and M. Thörn seconded to approve the audit contract agreement with Mudgett & Co. Motion passed 3-0.

Sign Ordinance:

Discussion ensued about a recent SCOTUS ruling with regard to content of signs and the ability of governments to regulate them. M. Thorn noted that she had taken on the review of the Dorset's current sign ordinance for any conflicts and to deal with this issue.

M. Thörn noted that it made sense to have a Fire District Contracts update at the March meeting to review and discuss the status of the Fire tax and administrative agreements with the Fire District(s) in preparation of new agreements for July 1, 2017.

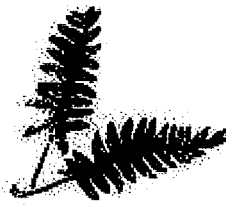
Discussion ensued about having copies of important documents and information at a table for Town Meeting: noise ordinance, board appointment applications, etc. R. Gaiotti will set this up.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting stood adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Gaiotti
Town Manager

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Dorset Audit Bid results for fiscal years 17, 18, 19

****Mudgett, Jennett & Krough-Wisner PC:**

2017: \$11,600 2018: \$11,800 2019: \$12,000

Sullivan & Powers Co:

2017: \$12,500 2018: \$12,500 2019: \$12,800

Love & Cody:

No Bid Received

Pace & Hawley:

No Bid Received

**** Low Bidder**

TM Recommendation: Continue with Mudgett, they won the bid and also will be auditing the Dorset Fire District during this same timeframe. Coordinating field work for both groups could save money on both audits.

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