

Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

August 11, 2016 ~ Minutes

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

Absent:

Also, present: Sandra Pinsonault (Town Clerk), Danny Pinsonault, Richard Pistell, Jacqueline Pistell, Connie Stewart, Gordon Stewart, Rosalie Fox, Scott Stafford, Linda McGinnis, Linda Sullivan

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

Approve Minutes of July 18 & July 19, 2016

M. Thorn moved and J. Stannard seconded to approve the July 18, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0 (L. Ruffa abstained).

H. Chandler noted a typo under Public Comment: fifth line from the top of heading ~ the word “no” should be “not.” J. Stannard moved and T. Smith seconded to approve the July 19, 2016 minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0

Public Comment

None

Dorset Quarry Update

R. Gaiotti presented a summary document reviewing information on the quarry. It noted that there is a need to have a discussion about a long-term management strategy for the quarry and what it means to the community as this property is a unique historic, cultural and recreational asset.

T. Smith requested the Board receive Sheriff reports each week. R. Pistell felt that having the Sheriff inspect coolers before the people enter the property would help curb alcohol use. J. Pistell expressed that spending \$5,000 of taxpayer money for private property sets a precedent and did not believe taxpayer money should be spent for the security of private property. H. Chandler commented that, his own feeling, is that the Board is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the community and they have some discretion to spend money from the law enforcement line item in the budget. J. Pistell asked if the Sheriff could limit the number of people in attendance and H. Chandler responded that Mr. McDonough and a committee were working on solutions. J. Stannard stated that the Board did set a precedent and T. Smith replied that it may set a precedent, but with hundreds of people involved, the Town has to deal with the situation. S. Pinsonault noted that \$5,000 cost only pennies on each person’s tax bill and the Town can make a choice to either police or ignore the property. M. Thorn felt it did not set a precedent as to do nothing would be dangerous and irresponsible. D. Pinsonault suggested that the money could be provided from the Recreation line item. C. Stewart thought that as private

property, the owners created their own problem, that the property should be visibly marked private property, there should be no parking on Route 30 and encouragement given to people to go to other facilities. L. McGinnis said that the quarry is not a new problem and she did not want to see the Town take over the management and costs. H. Chandler stated that the Town has not considered taking over the quarry. R. Pistell agreed with R. Gaiotti that a reasonable plan to manage the quarry needs to be addressed.

Noise Ordinance

H. Chandler stated that there have been some calls from the public requesting the Town to pass a noise ordinance mostly in reaction to one particular enterprise in the middle of Dorset. The SB members had a meeting with S. Bryant of the Barrows House and recommended that there be an outreach effort on his part to the community to improve communications about events and complaints. R. Gaiotti noted that the objectionable noise document presented was a template mixture of the VLCT and Town of Putney ordinance. Some issues may be that it is arbitrary as to what noise is, what is a standard level, how to manage mixed use areas of zoning, exemptions and enforcement. It was noted that there needs to be articulated steps to take ~ addressing comprehensive and effective law enforcement – as the VSP do not want to be called for noise. H. Chandler requested that the Board members review the draft noise ordinance and the topic will be placed on next month's agenda.

Finance Report

R. Gaiotti explained that the sinking fund transfers skew the budget numbers in the beginning of the year and the current average budget expenditure is 11-12%. Eight delinquent parcels have been sent to the attorney for tax sale processing. A draft copy of the audit has been completed and it is anticipated that there is \$90,000 surplus. T. Smith moved and J. Stannard seconded to approve the finance report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Manager's Report

R. Gaiotti reported:

- Group collaboration (Town, VYCC, NATS) to help with the Grouse Lane trail
- Attended East Dorset Fire District annual meeting
- Attended Dorset Fire District meeting
- Work on special Town meeting preparation; quarry research, & noise ordinance
- Coordination with VYCC Town Forest trail work
- FY16 Town audit underway
- Meeting with Black Rock residents

S. Pinsonault noted that in talking to a parent whose child worked with the VYCC, it was a wonderful experience and opportunity. R. Gaiotti mentioned that the Conservation Commission may try to create a fundraising plan along with grants to have the VYCC do long term trail work. S. Pinsonault suggested developing a trifold trail map.

Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 8/11/2016

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 8/11/2016 as presented.

Other Business

- S. Pinsonault reminded the SB members that there is a BCA meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 6:00 p.m.
- Letters from Sarah & Ken Stefanak and D. Green are included in the SB packet
- D. Pinsonault suggested that the Act 250 noise standards be available for review
- M. Thorn asked about widening the shoulders on Route 30 to make it easier for bikers and R. Gaiotti responded that it has to go through the State of Vermont Dept. of Transportation and they do not have anything on their schedule in the near future.
- It was consensus of the Select Board members to have R. Gaiotti pursue alternatives for law enforcement.

T. Smith moved and J. Stannard seconded to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. Executive Session ended at 8:55 p.m.

M. Thorn moved and T. Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Aversano

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Date 8/11/16
Regular Meeting
Special Meeting

(Please Print) Name	Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
Sandra Pinsonault	Rte 7	Tom Clin	yes
Danny Pinsonault	Rt 7	me	?
Richard Pistell	780 Black Rock Lane	me	No
Jacqueline Puffin	"	self	?
Connie Stewart	112 Farwell Lane		
Gordon Stewart	112 Farwell Lane		
Masalie Fox	125 Fox Lane	Self	No
Scott Stafford	Main St, Manchester	Manchester Journal	No
LINDA MCGINNIS	92 BARROWS HEIGHTS LA.	Self	?
Linda Sullivan	932 McNamara Rd	Self	?