

Regular Meeting of the Dorset Select Board

September 20, 2016 ~ Minutes

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

Absent:

Also, present: Clarissa Lennox, Robert Menson, Joan Menson, D. Green, Richard & Jacqueline Pistell, Tracey Mathyas, Laura Yanne, Luanne Hardy, Sandra Pinsonault, Danny Pinsonault

H. Chandler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. M. Thorn moved and J. Stannard seconded to end the Executive Session with the Board of Listers at 7:10 p.m. and to enter into the regular SB meeting.

Approve Minutes of August 11, 2016

M. Thorn moved and T. Smith seconded to approve the August 11, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

C. Lennox asked about the status of the Dorset/Manchester police coverage and H. Chandler replied that they were waiting for Manchester to make a proposal to Dorset. The Board is also looking at other options.

Solar Proposal: Town Building

R. Gaiotti explained that J. Hand has made a proposal to lease space on Town building roofs to install solar arrays through a lease agreement similar to what the Dorset School already has in place. The Town would benefit with a decrease in utility bills and, if found to be a good investment, can purchase the solar array at the end of seven years. T. Smith asked if the decreased electric bills would include street light billing. J. Hand noted that they were proposing two Town shed buildings which would be approximately \$3,800 to \$4,000 in savings. Topics discussed:

- Benefits to J. Hand's organization (tax credits & believes in promoting the technology)
- Strength of the roofs (both metal roofs & engineering tests would be done)
- Purchase price (approximately \$60,000 per roof now and in seven years they may be worth approximately 50% of the original price.)
- Explanation of payout rates and how they will be changing at the end of 2016
- Certified engineers do survey of buildings as part of the documentation
- If the Board is interested, a contract is needed in two- three weeks.

T. Smith moved and M. Thorn seconded to have R. Gaiotti and J. Hand prepare the contract proposal to be considered at the next SB meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

R. Pistell suggested that the SB research the economic life of solar arrays as they decrease over time.

Dorset Quarry Update

R. Gaiotti reported that the Bennington Sheriff patrols have ended and approximately \$4,900 has been spent. D. McDonough was appreciative as he felt the patrols cut down on bad behavior, alcohol and drugs. D. McDonough had started charging for parking at the end of the season which created some revenue to help pay for staffing with one person at the quarry. The no parking zone on Route 30 may have to be extended due to people who did not want to pay for parking who parked on the highway. A steering committee is to meet and hopefully create a feasibility study for ownership/management. R. Gaiotti will be attending an event held by the Preservation Trust of Vermont who may be interested in quarry preservation. T. Smith asked if the neighbors had any recent feedback and J. Stannard said that when he asked them, they seemed to be satisfied. J. Stannard suggested having discussion at Town Meeting regarding the quarry and M. Thorn felt the Board needed to know what the possibilities were from the steering committee first. C. Lennox expressed concern about publicizing the quarry and discussion ensued regarding lack of control of media and the internet. T. Smith encouraged the steering committee to have their proposals available as soon as possible and it was mentioned that there would be no guarantee that Sheriffs would be provided or that the Town would take over the quarry.

Noise Ordinance Review

J. Stannard presented a noise ordinance created by Town residents. T. Smith moved and J. Stannard seconded to table all discussion of the noise ordinances until next month as the Board members did not have a chance to review the noise ordinance presented by J. Stannard. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Pinsonault noted that instituting a noise ordinance will create issues with enforcement and may not be needed as a Town-wide policy. H. Chandler said that the Board has not made a decision to pass a noise ordinance, but only to explore the possibility. Discussion covered truck braking, motorcycle noise and enforcement.

Finance Report

The Board reviewed R. Gaiotti's September 20th Finance Report: delinquent taxes, surplus, draft audit, cost of Sheriff for quarry patrol, paving and bridge project. M. Thorn moved and T. Smith seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motioned carried 5-0.

Manager's Report

Review of the Manager's Report covered: salt shed planning, bridge replacement coordination, noise ordinance research, contract proposal for Sheriff's Department, attendance at Preservation Trust event, Black Rock Lane MOU, Quarry steering committee, Town Forest dedication, cycling/pedestrian for Route 30 and Route 7 no parking zone extension. H. Chandler asked about ideas for rental space for housing a police cruiser. T. Smith moved and M. Thorn

seconded to authorize R. Gaiotti as Town Manager to follow through on the Black Rock Lane Homeowner's Association road agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

It was the consensus of the SB members to have Chad Smith of the Bennington County Sheriff's Department attend next month's meeting, if possible.

Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable for the Week of 09/20/2016

It was the consensus of the SB to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for the week of 09/20/2016 as presented.

Other Business

- T. Smith moved and J. Stannard seconded to allow the Planning Commission to apply for a planning grant relating to pedestrian safety in villages. Motion carried 5-0.
- M. Thorn moved and L. Ruffa seconded to designate Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, as the representative to the VLCT annual meeting to represent the Town of Dorset. Motion carried 5-0.
- R. Gaiotti is to email the SB members the VLCT newsletters.
- S. Pinsonault reported on a VLCT meeting she attended, noting that there was discussion about increasing fees and instituting taxes (54 possible ways) for the Lake Champlain cleanup.
- D. Pinsonault suggested that the Board may want to look into a new separate building at the school for multiple uses along with cruiser space which helps to subsidize the school. R. Gaiotti noted that discussion should take place about school owned properties before consolidation happens.

M. Thorn moved and J. Stannard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aversano

Select Board

Date 9/20/16

Regular Meeting X

Special Meeting

(Please Print)

Name	Mailing Address	Representing	Testifying (Yes or No)
CLARISSA LENNOX	DoRSET	—	?
ROBERT MENSON	1131 ROUTE 30	SELF	✓
JOAN MENSON	"	"	?
D. GREEN	POB 881	"	?
Richard & Jacquelyn	Stell PO Box 993	selves	?
EWA Bielawska	POBOX 834	selve	?
TRACEY MATHYAS	799 Kirby Hollow	"	
Laura Yanne	3833 Rte 30	"	?
Wannet Hardy	27 Lane RD	"	"
Sandra Pinsonault	1665 Rte 7	Truullen	yes
Danny Pinsonault	1665 R+ 7	me	?